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The President Speaks

Your executive committee during the past three months has met on several occasions in Austin, to discuss with the department the general welfare and future of our Guard.

No doubt our members are anxious to learn the outcome of these meetings.

As your President, I can assure you that complete harmony and understanding exists between the Adjutant General's Department and your Association. The Adjutant General's Department has worked out a fine and constructive program for 1945, the details of which no doubt will be announced by our commanding general in the very near future.

In behalf of the Association I wish to congratulate Gen. Knickerbocker on his reappointment as Adjutant General and pledge the wholehearted support and loyalty of our Association.

It is well to remember that an organization such as ours, set up for an unselfish purpose, will never complain of the well meaning of some of its members, the ingratitude of mankind, nor the unappreciation of the public.

These things are all part of the great game of life, and to meet them and not go down in discouragement and defeat, is final proof.

—Lt. Col. E. D. Konken,
President, Texas State Guard
Officers Association.

El Paso City Leaders Urge Guard Support

With more enlistments and greater financial support from the State as their themes, Fourth Battalion of the Texas State Guardsmen were hosts to the El Paso Chamber of Commerce on the night of February 12.

Contending that El Pasoans are complacent in their attitude toward insuring the security of the city, Col. Travis J. Johnson, commander of the Fourth Battalion of the Texas State Guard, reminded his audience that the most trying period of the people of the United States will go through is the post-war era when riots and other internal disasters will not be uncommon. These emergencies will not be handled by the Army or Navy, he said, unless permission can be obtained from the Governor or President.

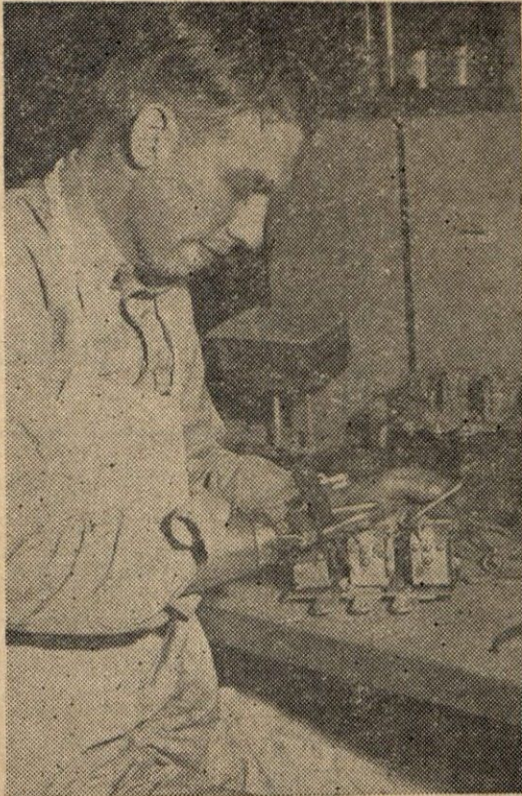
He asked for \$200 a month from the City Council and \$200 from the County Commissioners Court to run the nine companies, one medical detachment, one headquarters detachment, and one service unit of the battalion.

He pointed out that the battalion, which comprises El Paso, Hudspeth and Culbertson Counties, is larger than the entire New Mexico State Guard, which gets an appropriation of \$235,000 from the legislature, while Texas allots only \$65,000 for the entire Guard.

Col. John K. Brown, Fort Bliss commanding officer, criticized the over optimism of the people who think the end of the war is in the very near future, adding that unless an internal upheaval is accomplished, Germany will not collapse soon, and that Japan will not be

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Camp Mabry Ordnance Shop Veterans Refused To Be Handicapped By Wounds



Special Tools Take Place Of Hands

There's a bouncy little guy working job by job through the Eighth Service Command's Mabry Ordnance Shop at Austin with a set of mechanic's tools that socket on where his left hand used to be.

He goes from operation to operation on the Mabry assembly lines, a plant designed to out-Detroit Detroit and now producing 2000 rebuilt automotive engines and 2500 power train units a month, highest rate of any of the 11 service command base ordnance shops in the nation.

He's one of the wounded veterans of this war who can watch a six by six truck engine or a jeep transmission assembly crated at Mabry for shipment to the Rhine and know he helped send them where they're most needed. He knows, too, there are always backlogs of broken-down engine and power train assemblies waiting at the start of the lines.

As he works through the shops his set of tools grows. He finds he can use vise grip pliers here, an adjustable wrench there, a speed wrench on engine-head covers and manifolds, a valve tappet adjuster and wrenches on the testing line, a ratchet in many operations, a ball hammer, screw drivers.

New Efficiency

What he needs he gets. What he gets is opening a new level of efficiency for himself and other one-armed veterans of this war—or anyone else with an artificial arm and ambition—in a field where two good hands ordinarily are a first requisite.

The bouncy little guy's name is Harold D. Dodd, 26, of Texhoma, Oklahoma. As he tells it, in January, 1943, he "played a little too rough" with a 37 millimeter armor-piercing shell while serving with a tank destroyer unit at Camp Breck-

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Left: Carrying 32 pieces of shrapnel in his body, his right arm missing and one finger gone from his left hand, George A. Fox, 22, of Olden, Texas, is beginning the training course for veterans at the Eighth Service Command's Mabry Ordnance Shop in Austin.

Right: Tackling a two-handed job with one hand and a special tool socketed onto his artificial left arm is a matter of course to Harold D. Dodd at the Eighth Ordnance shop.

Lower: Here are some of the special mechanics tools that veterans like Dodd and Fox use at

the Camp Mabry shops. At top is a standard speed wrench, equipped with special universal joint. Below it is the hook ordinarily attached to an artificial arm, fitted with a special adapter which locks into slots within the arm. The other tools, left to right, include a valve tappet adjuster, ball hammer, vise grip pliers, screw driver, adjustable wrench, tappet wrench and ratchet. Handles of the tools are fitted with machined sockets that fit onto a square knob projection on the adapter and are locked in place by a ball bearing inset.

—U. S. Army Photo.

Editorials On The Guard

Two of Texas' outstanding newspapers, in widely separated sections of the state, commented during February on the inadequate appropriation for the Texas State Guard.

W. J. Hooten, editor of the El Paso Times, in his daily column, "Everyday Events," on February 14 sums up the situation and declares that he is "ashamed and disgusted" that Texas' only internal security force does not get state funds to operate efficiently.

The Houston Chronicle outlines the great job that the guard has done and is doing for Texas and declares that "adequate state financing is a cheap price to pay for such (internal) security."

The editorials follow:
"EVERYDAY EVENTS"

By W. J. Hooten
Monday night in the Hilton Hotel I attended a banquet given by officers of the Texas State Guard. Without intending to do so, the

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Knickerbocker Confirmed For Second Term

Austin.—Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, commanding general of the Texas State Guard, was confirmed as adjutant general of Texas by the senate February 20.

He was appointed to a second term by Governor Coke R. Stevenson.

The vote to confirm General Knickerbocker came after an extensive investigation into the State Guard set-up which General Knickerbocker outlined in the following statement to The Guardsman:

"It had been represented to some of the state senators that a majority of the officers of the State Guard were in favor of changing the State Guard as it is now organized and organizing it on the same basis as the old National Guard operated under.

"After the senate had received expressions from a large number of State Guard officers, it was definitely shown that a majority of the State Guard officers were not in favor of the change and preferred to have the guard remain as it is at the present time.

"The table of organization of the State Guard at the present time conforms to the recommendations of the War Department.

"Due to the expressions from guard officers which came before the senate, I feel under mandate to operate the guard along the same lines as in the past.

"The adjutant general's department hopes to better the efficiency, organization and morale of the Texas State Guard in every way possible.

"Due to the fact that the state guards are considered a part of the internal security of this nation, it will be the desire of the adjutant general's department to cooperate with the Eighth Service Command in all matters pertaining to internal security."

An Open Letter To Our Readers

Dear Guardsman:

In its desire to be of the utmost service to the members of the Texas State Guard, The Guardsman desires to extend its facilities for the interchange of ideas between the various units.

Therefore, we have decided, if there is sufficient interest to sustain them, to start these new departments:

"Plans and Training Ideas" . . . in which there would be an interchange of ideas on successful methods of teaching various subjects, and of the practical employment of them. At Bullis every year, one of the most valuable parts of the training there, is the opportunity to gain new ideas on training methods. This column would be available to all who have something to share with the rest of us.

"Recruiting Methods" . . . an important subject on the agenda of every unit commander, and one that will give him more and more concern as time rolls along. Some units have done an outstanding job of recruiting; others need a few ideas that will spark them into activity that will fill up their ranks. If you've done a good piece of recruiting work, write us about it;

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El Paso Hub Of Southwest Transportation

El Paso, gateway to Mexico, is located on the Rio Grande at the junction of three states—Texas, New Mexico and Chihuahua.

Always an army city, it is the home of the famous First Cavalry. In addition to Fort Bliss, which is on its outskirts and which will celebrate its 100th birthday anniversary in 1945, are William Beaumont General Hospital, one of the largest army hospitals in the country; Biggs Field, base for the super-flying fortresses, and Logan Heights, principal anti-aircraft training center.

Situated in the Pass of the North, the only route the early Spaniards and later Mexicans could find to penetrate beyond the Rio Grande, the city has developed into the principal transportation hub of the Southwest.

The Ferrying Division of the Air Transport Command and the Army Air Forces report that hundreds of planes stop here daily. This is in addition, of course, to the commercial airlines. The Pass of the North is likewise used by the railways and the bus lines.

Nature seemed to be rather kind when she guided the pioneers to the Pass of the North. There was the Rio Grande; there was underground water; there was fertile land. Also, the altitude was moderate, about 3800 feet above sea level, the climate was dry and sunny. The winters were mild; fog was virtually unknown. A trading post was founded in the Pass of the North and it was named Franklin, later renamed El Paso. There are about 330 days of sunshine every year. The rainfall never reaches 10 inches annually. And rarely is a plane grounded for climatic reasons.

About half of the city's population is either Latin or of Latin descent. Of the other half, a goodly number moved to the city primarily for reasons of health; and they stayed on because either they were afraid to leave or they had fallen in love with the climate. Although not an industrial city, cattle, cotton and copper, in some way or other, furnish a living for the normal population of 107,000.

Located in the heart of the scenic Southwest, the city is developing into a mecca for tourists bound for Mexico, the Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, and dude ranches; and is a stop-over for the Easterner proceeding to the West Coast.

Located on the border, El Paso is almost bi-lingual and is a proving ground for the Good Neighbor Policy. Mexicans and Americans mingle every hour of the day. Signs in Spanish are almost as common as in English. Nor is that all. A "border English" and a "border Spanish" have developed. Thus, it is common to hear Americans use such expressions as una mas (one more), uorque (why), hasta la vista (so long), amigo (friend), and the classic manana. Likewise, it is common to hear a Mexican use the word lonche (for lunch), sandwicheria (for sandwich shop), troca (for truck) and the American standby, o.k. A few hundred miles south of the border a person with

such a vocabulary would be regarded as a foreigner.

Until a few weeks ago El Paso was the home of the "unlucky" \$2 bill. Under the treaty with Mexico, to prevent the Axis from spending seized American currency south of the border, only \$2 bills and coins could be taken into Juarez, on the other side of the Rio Grande. Washington figured that inasmuch as the \$2 bill has been universally spurned, there were few such bills in the currency seized by the enemy. Hence the \$2 bill was the only form of American currency that was permitted to cross the border.

With thousands of troops stationed in the El Paso area, El Paso banks frequently were hard pressed to supply enough \$2 bills; and as a result exchange booths were set up at the approaches of the International bridges where currency was changed into \$2 bills at a 1% discount.

It was reported that the operators of these booths made thousands of dollars in their two years of existence and then overnight were thrown out of business when the government relaxed the currency restrictions.

Friend: "How do you like your change from salesman to policeman?"

New Policeman: "Fine. The pay is regular. But what I like best is that the customers are always wrong."

Nazi "Grenade" Turns Out To Be Turnip

With the 84th Infantry Division on the Western Front.—S/S John B. Kindrew, New Brighton, Pa., with the 84th Infantry Division medics, was evacuating wounded, aided by a German medic, who was following Sergeant Kendrew by about five yards.

Sergeant Kendrew happened to turn and look at the German medic. What he saw made his heart thump. The German had a round object, shaped like a grenade, in his hand, and it looked as though he were pulling a tape from it and preparing to throw it. Sergeant Kendrew leaped at him and snatched the object from him. He found that the now astonished and frightened Nazi had been peeling a turnip.

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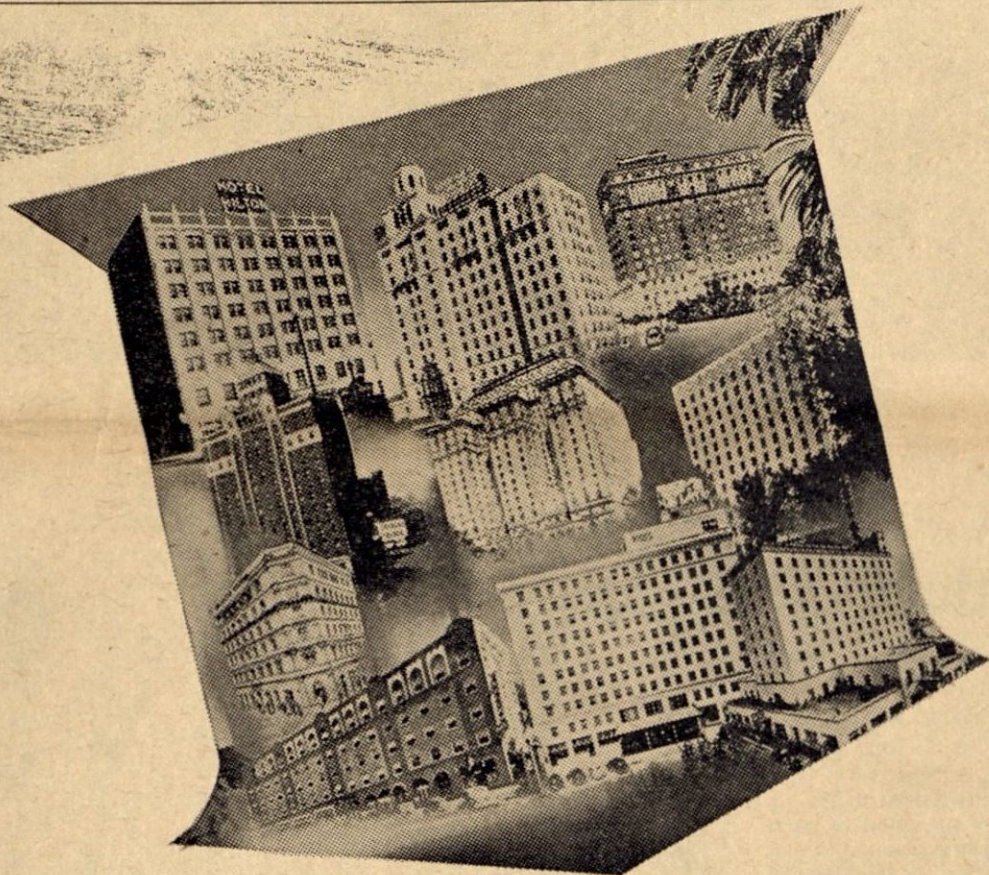
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Oregon Guard Ask \$4,500,000 For Armories

The senate and house military affairs committees of the Oregon State Legislature were urged by Gen. Ralph P. Cowgill, commanding general of the Oregon State Guard, to support a program for construction of new armories in the state, to cost approximately \$4,500,000, at a meeting at which the general was host to the legislators January 23 in the Marion hotel at Salem.

New armories are needed in a number of cities and other existing facilities are in need of immediate repair, Gen. Cowgill said, urging that the current legislature appropriate funds for the construction program, to be started after the war.

Principal item in the program offered by Gen. Cowgill was \$2,500,000 proposed for construction of a new armory at Portland. Other cities designated as needing new armories included: Baker, Oregon City, Ontario, Bend, La-Grande, Pendleton, Newberg, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Corvallis, St. Helens, Hermiston, Lebanon, Lakeview, Gresham, Hood River, The Dalles and Grants Pass.

An item of \$40,000 was included for repairs immediately needed for existing armories.

Gen. Cowgill emphasized the need for a strong State Guard as the foundation for a future Oregon National Guard, and pointed out that Gen. George C. Marshall, the army's chief of staff, has been recorded as favoring the reconstitution of the National Guard following the war.

Gen. Cowgill also declared that a strong state military force is still necessary for wartime home defense and urged that the legislature make provision to equip officers and men with uniforms and other equipment. Proposals outlined by a recent meeting of the State of Oregon General Staff, relating to deductions from state income tax to be allowed Guardsmen, also were recommended to members of the senate and house military affairs committees by Gen. Cowgill.—On Guard, Oregon State Guard.

Work Started On New 31st Parade Ground

Preliminary work toward converting an area of several acres of land south of the 31st Battalion armory south of McAllen into a drill field, maneuver area and parade ground is now under way.

The land has been placed at the disposal of the battalion, and considerable work will have to be done before it is ready for use.

A section of a canal on the property will be levelled after the line has been placed underground, several ditches will be filled in, a row of trees will be felled and the entire area will be rolled and smoothed.

JUST THE SAME

Officer: "You brought me the wrong boots, you idiot. Can't you see that one of them is black and the other one is brown?"

Orderly: "Yes, sir, but your other pair is just the same."

Tip to post-war planners: Getting cuffs on the pants won't worry most ex-soldiers. Getting pants on the cuff will be the problem.

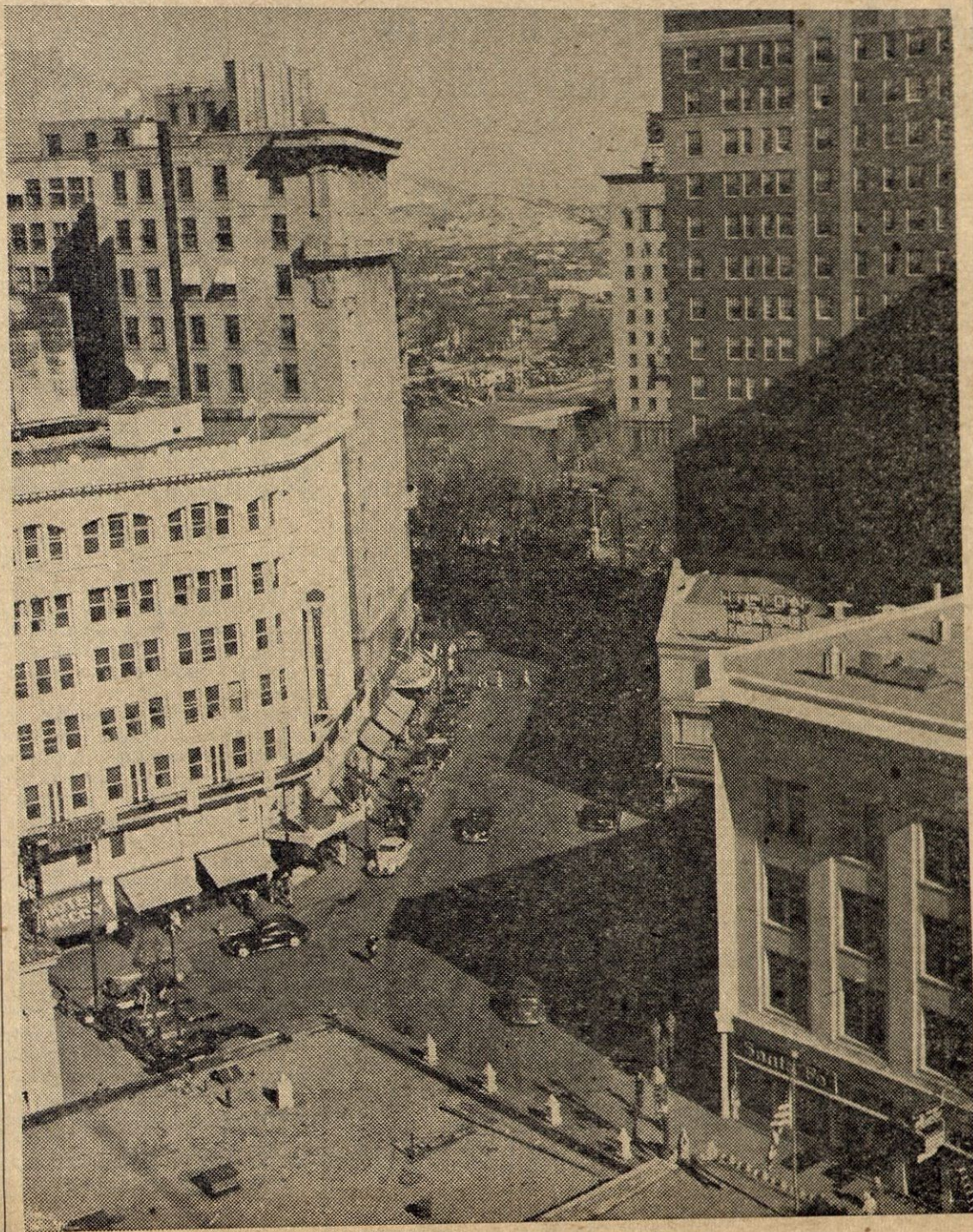
Sergeant: "Now men, remember that war must develop individuality, initiative, and real leadership. Now get going and do exactly as I tell you!"

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Downtown In Colorful El Paso



Picture shows Mills Street in downtown El Paso, connecting Pioneer Plaza in the foreground with Alligator Park.

Col. Taylor Inspects Equipment Of 31st

Lt. Col. Paul W. Taylor of the Adjutant General's office conducted a thorough one-week inspection of all federal equipment in the 31st Battalion late in January, completing in that time a check-up which otherwise might have required two or three weeks.

Every piece of federal supply in the battalion got a once-over. Not even a fork or a GI sock was overlooked.

Colonel Taylor had visited the battalion several months before on a preliminary tour and had recommended to all units how their supplies and records might be improved. As a result his formal inspection took less time than had been anticipated.

He was accompanied on most of his rounds by Capt. Murray D. Hensley, commanding the service detachment at McAllen.

The percentage of loss and the percentage of property out on memo receipts were found to be small in virtually every case.

Duffy once had a cow named Zephyr
She was such an amiable hephyr,
But when he drew near
She bit off his ear
And now he's considerably deafer.

Veteran Member Of Mission Unit Quits

Company A, Mission, commanded by Capt. Lonnie E. Reed, has lost a veteran member. Wade Gentry, who has been assigned to the mess detail, has been honorably discharged after three years of service with the company. He was a familiar figure in Company A, which regretted his inability to re-enlist.

Pfc. John M. Hiller has been promoted to corporal in the company. Cpl. Raymond Wolf, USAAF, a former member of the company, was a recent drill session visitor.

Pfc. Hector Farias has been promoted to corporal in Company A, taking the post vacated by Ventura Valadez when the latter was appointed a sergeant.

Pvt. Joe Powell, recently granted an honorable discharge, has been re-enlisted in Company A.

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Edinburg Company Seeks New Armory

Company F, Edinburg, commanded by Capt. Clayton F. Baird, still is in search of a new armory—all because Edinburg has a new bank.

The offices formerly using the Hidalgo County courthouse annex have been moved into a vacant building a block southwest of the courthouse. This was the structure which had been allowed to the guard for use as an armory.

At last reports, no suitable space had been found, but company officers were confident one would be.

Bronze Stars Awarded By 49th Battalion

Galveston.—About 200 Guardsmen and their families enjoyed open house as guests of the Dickinson Unit of the 49th Galveston Battalion, on January 23.

Company D was organized in League City January 23, 1942. Fifteen officers and men were awarded Bronze Stars for three-year term service by Lt. Col. George W. McLean, Jr., commanding officer for the battalion.

Officers and their families representing every unit of the battalion were present. A generous supper was served, followed by games and dancing, and everyone had a very good time. There were prizes for the children and for card games.

Company D conducted a recruiting campaign through the fall and winter months and as a result about 20 new recruits were added. Company D has an indoor rifle range and competes with other units of the battalion for the cup each year.

This unit was inspected on the 14th of November by Maj. Garth B. Haddock, Field Artillery, Galveston, and had a very good report.

Officers and men who received their Bronze Stars were: Capt. Forrest C. Parker, First Lt. Philip T. Wright, Second Lt. Milton T. Ervin, First Sgt. John T. Faulkner, Staff Sgts. Carroll A. Harper, Walter L. Medsger, Victor T. Null, Lester E. Witte; Sgts. Walter G. Osterman, George A. Paxton; Cpls. Dallas C. Barger, Pat H. Greene; Pvts. 1/c, Joseph H. Richardson; Pvts. Bill Cucco, Victor N. Pell.

Letter—

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tell the details, about publicity, parades, demonstrations, handling of recruits and any other information you feel will be of interest.

SO . . . if you'd like to see such departments, send in your letters and ideas with photos or sketches RIGHT NOW for the next issue. Thanks for your help!

—The Editor.

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"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."—Article Two, Bill of Rights, from the Constitution of the United States.

The Army Acts To Save Male Honor

With the 96th Division in the Philippines.—There may still be some internal dispute as to who's boss in the Fred A. Bush household of Jacksboro, Texas, but the man of the house has the majesty of the United States Army on his side. Sergeant Bush, with the 96th Division on Leyte, put in a few bad days when he learned that his wife, Henrietta, was now Staff Sergeant Bush, WAC. But Uncle Sam has corrected that situation. Sergeant Bush jumped two grades last week to technical sergeant.

Lawyer Quits Office So Vet Can Take Job

Reo.—Suiting action to words, Thomas O. Craven, United States Attorney for Nevada, has cleared the way for fulfillment of the "back to their own job" pledge. Craven has submitted his resignation to pave the way for the return of Miles N. Pike, former holder of the office, who entered the armed services in 1942. Craven succeeded Pike at that time.

33rd Members Teach Scouts To Use Rifles

Sgt. John E. McAllister of the headquarters company, 33rd Battalion, at Marshall, is a Guardsman with an eye to the future.

Once a week he goes down to the 33rd armory and meets with scoutmasters of the Boy Scouts in his area, their assistants and a group from each troop of Scouts.

The purpose is to instruct the Scouts in how to handle a rifle safely and better their marksmanship.

"I feel sure that we will have universal military training after this war," Sgt. McAllister says, "and the boy who knows how to handle a rifle will have just that much edge."

McAllister, who is rifle instructor of the headquarters company as well as battalion range officer, gives a lot of credit for getting the scouts interested to three fellow members of the guard who also are interested in scout work.

Staff Sgt. Charles Adams is a scoutmaster, Corporal Marvin is an assistant scoutmaster, and a newly inducted member of the guard is Scoutmaster J. N. Majors, a private in the 33rd.

The scouts do their actual firing on the indoor range of the 33rd and also at the outside range, 2½ miles south of Marshall.

The purpose of the work is to teach marksmanship, true sportsmanship and the safe handling of firearms. Their slogan is that of the National Rifle Association of America—"To make America once again a nation of riflemen."

Application for charter and affiliation with the National Rifle Association of America has been made by this, the Caddo Scouting Rifle Club of Marshall. Membership is limited to Boy Scouts only who have completed certain stages of their scouting work and is an added incentive for a boy to complete portions of the scouting work that possibly might not be as attractive to him in order to be eligible for membership in the rifle club.

R. L. Hohstadt, the executive officer of the Boy Scouts in this district, is heartily in favor of the work being carried on and he says that this rifle association fits in perfectly with the Boy Scouts of America program.

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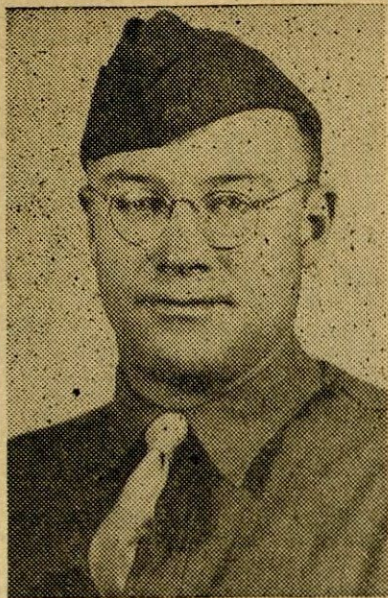
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Company B, McAllen, commanded by Capt. Carl D. Martin, has lost its first sergeant, Jack A. Parker, who has been transferred to Midland by Sun Oil Company, by which he is employed as a paleontologist.

Captain Martin, expressing regret of his unit at the loss of a man who started out as a buck private three years ago and rarely missed a drill since then, announced the appointment of S/Sgt. Osborne W. Webb to the post of first sergeant.

Sergeant Webb, like Parker, is a veteran with Company B and has come up through the ranks over a long period.

Other promotions announced by Captain Martin were Thomas H. Eidson to be staff sergeant, succeeding Webb at the platoon post; William C. Slay to be sergeant, George W. Hillyer to be corporal, and Hans H. Rothe, John R. Hughes and Donald T. Jorgenson to be privates first class. Incident-

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With the 102nd Infantry Division in Germany.—Pfc. Merrill Shelton, 407th infantryman from Greenville, Tenn., is going to stop and look next time he listens. Private Shelton heard some Jerry shells screaming in the other day and quickly hit the ground. He was quite pleased to find he was lying behind some stout looking boxes.

The shelling over, Private Shelton arose and casually inspected his bulwark. The Shelton spine tingled when he saw, marked in broad letters on the boxes, "TNT."

ally, Private Rothe is the former captain in command of Company B. He resigned recently due to the press of private business and re-enlisted as a private.

Sergeant Parker, now headed for Midland, is a recent bridegroom. He and Miss Ida Ruth King of McAllen and Harlingen were married in January at a home ceremony in McAllen. They plan to make their home in Midland.

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The Fifth Battalion at Austin is one of the busiest in the Texas State Guard. In the pictures above the photographer caught some of the many phases of training the Austin Guardsmen are going through.

Top left: "Take hold the mask in this manner!" 1st Sgt. Bennie Stark of Company D, left, tells a group of non-coms in short lecture previous to a field drill in the use of the gas mask. During the map and compass problem worked by the Fifth Battalion, Company D makes it tougher on the companies to reach their objective by harassing them with gas.

Top right: Communications between the various units during training at Camp Mabry is maintained by means of field telephones which have been put in fine working order by First Lt. Lambuth Cox, commanding the headquarters company. Shown at the switchboard is another top-notch communications man of the

battalion, Sgt. Foofshee.

Left center: Pipe smoking Lt. Col. Sidney Mason, left, rests his seat on his famous field stick as the members of a platoon of Company A orientate themselves on the map before taking off for their assigned areas in a recent battalion problem.

Lower left: Sgt. Harold Fynn, right, of Company C, the heavy weapons company of the Fifth Battalion, makes sure that the men get the knack of properly inserting the belt in the machine gun.

Lower right: Radios were used to keep contact with all the units in the field on the map and compass problem worked by the Fifth Battalion, but they were the cavalry type radios which the Army has but does not use. The old type sets now owned by the Fifth Battalion are shown above in the hands of Sgts. Barker and Foofshee, and are very unreliable in the field.

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31st Battalion Wins Decision Over Wild Mob

By LT. MYNATT SMITH

Utilizing a new supply of motor vehicles for the first time, the 31st Battalion of the Texas State Guard spent a night and a day at the rough-and-tumble military art of riot control February 3-4 in an overnight bivouac at Fort Ringgold, abandoned U. S. Army post at Rio Grande City, Starr County.

The former Army reservation with its ideal locations for simulated street riots was turned over to the Guard for the field maneuver by the Eighth Service Command at Dallas. The bivouac had been planned in December but postponed because of bad weather.

Three riot problems were conducted. The mob won the first by a handsome margin, but the Guardsmen bounced back to take both of the problems with speed, dispatch and good tactical work.

The bivouac got under way Saturday night, February 3, when Companies B of McAllen, C of Pharr, D of Alamo, E of Donna and F of Edinburg rendezvoused at the Guard armory south of McAllen, where the first motorized convoy in the battalion's history was organized by the McAllen service detachment under command of Capt. Murray D. Hensley.

Rolling Equipment

The convoy, moving at fixed speed over a specified route and operated by a control car at the lead and trail car at the rear, moved to Mission, picked up Company A of that city, and proceeded to Fort Ringgold. Included in the motor column were the eight pieces of rolling equipment recently issued to the battalion—two command cars, three ton and a half cargo trucks, a field ambulance, an armored scout car and a motorcycle.

A total of 25 officers and 256 enlisted men reported for the operation, which Lt. Col. Lloyd M. Bentsen, commanding officer, placed in charge of Capt. Frank Van Ness, Mission, plans and training officer, and his assistant, Lt. Rudy L. Nordmeyer of Mission.

The seven companies and three detachments set up the bivouac area before midnight Saturday with Lt. Jerry Tesar of Donna in charge as bivouac officer.

All officers and men were under orders to carry gas masks at all times, and the reason was revealed at 2:45 Sunday morning when a surprise tear gas attack was unleashed over the bivouac area. All but a few had their masks on in a matter of seconds. A few had to tear from tents in their underwear to retrieve theirs.

First call Sunday morning aroused the men at 6:30 and after mess Capt. Herbert McDermott of Donna, battalion chaplain, conducted brief religious services in front of the Fort Ringgold station hospital. The men sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" in unison and Captain Van Ness ordered the riot control problems under way.

First Problem

The first problem revolved around the fact that a prisoner was held in an unprotected building, charged with rape, and a mob had formed to storm the building and lynch him. The mission, McAllen, Pharr and Alamo companies were assigned the job of quelling the

riot, and the Donna, Edinburg and Rio Grande City companies were assigned to form the mob.

Colonel Bentsen introduced a new departure in 31st Battalion field operations by calling in all unit commanders to form a board of referees. This left the junior officers—and in some cases non-coms—in charge of the companies and detachments.

Lt. George Vance and Sgt. A. S. Collier of Donna took the leadership of the mob and organized a rousing show. The mob descended, hollering and running, on the building in which the prisoner was held. The riot control units were slow in getting into motion and when they reached the objective and went into their formations, the mob succeeded in breaking their lines. Theoretically, the prisoner had been seized and hanged before the rescuers arrived.

Mob Wins First

The referees gave the mob a clear decision and Colonel Bentsen ordered the problem repeated—tear gas, smoke pots and all.

The second time the offensive swung into action with precision, with the same units aligned against each other. This time the commanders kept their men in formation, spirited the prisoner away before the mob could get to him, and lodged him in a guarded jail house. The operation brought into play all the equipment of the battalion, even to the field hospital, and found the headquarters detachment's communications system, including field telephones, working in good order.

This time the referees' decision again was unanimous—for the troops and not the mob.

The third problem involved the clearing of two groups of rioters from a group of buildings. The armored scout car from the Alamo heavy weapons company flanked the mob on the right, two platoons from Rio Grande City and Edinburg supported the action, others from Alamo and Donna held the left flank and a single platoon from Edinburg bored in at the center. The mob was boxed in within a matter of minutes, every formation holding fast and moving up with precision.

It was during the third problem that S/Sgt. Al Thibault of Moore Field, army air base at Mission, gulped in a load of tear gas when he leaped to a porch to get a better camera shot of some of the action. He attended the entire bivouac to give the battalion a photographic record of its work. The gas failed to faze him.

A critique followed the final operation, mess followed the critique, and the motorized convoy moved back to McAllen, arriving at 2 p. m. to end a 17-hour field operation.

Major Conway conducted the critique, pointing out that broken ranks had cost the offensive group the first problem.

He complimented F. G. Chatfield, civilian employee of the U. S. Army Engineers, for having the Ringgold post in tip-top shape for the maneuver.

Colonel Bentsen told the men: "I think the attendance we have here today—25 officers and 256 men—under present conditions is remarkable."

"Since it looks like the end of the war may be near, let's not forget the internal security of this nation. The winning of the war and the winning of the peace depend to a great extent on the continued internal security of our country. Regardless of how encouraging the situation looks, let's not let our guard down."

Captain Van Ness pointed out that many of the men were slow in donning their gas masks and in moving into riot formations.

Capt. Lonnie E. Reed of Mission stressed the need of hand signals while working with masks in place, while First Sgt. Jack Parker of McAllen, commander of his unit for the day, pointed out lack of control by officers over some of their formations.

Capt. Hal Alcorn of Pharr said all of the units needed more train-

ing in proper timing while going in to meet a mob.

Capt. E. E. Wagner of Alamo said he believed some of the failure of the first problem was due to incomplete knowledge of the mission, and Capt. Harold Vantrees of Donna urged more bayonet drill for all the men. Capt. Clayton Baird of Edinburg said "The program as a whole was mighty good."

Capt. John Pope of Rio Grande City added: "Men, I think you did very well considering the fact many of you have never been on a problem like this before."

"Well Worth Time"

Capt. Travis Richardson of the Southern Land Frontier, regular Army, stationed at McAllen, an observer at the operations, commented: "It was well worth my time and well worth yours. You must have organization and control to accomplish the goal in operations of this kind."

Lt. Rudy L. Nordmeyer, who commanded the first two problems, said he was "very proud of the way our organization conducted itself." He said the three battalion detachments had received valuable experience in their field duties.

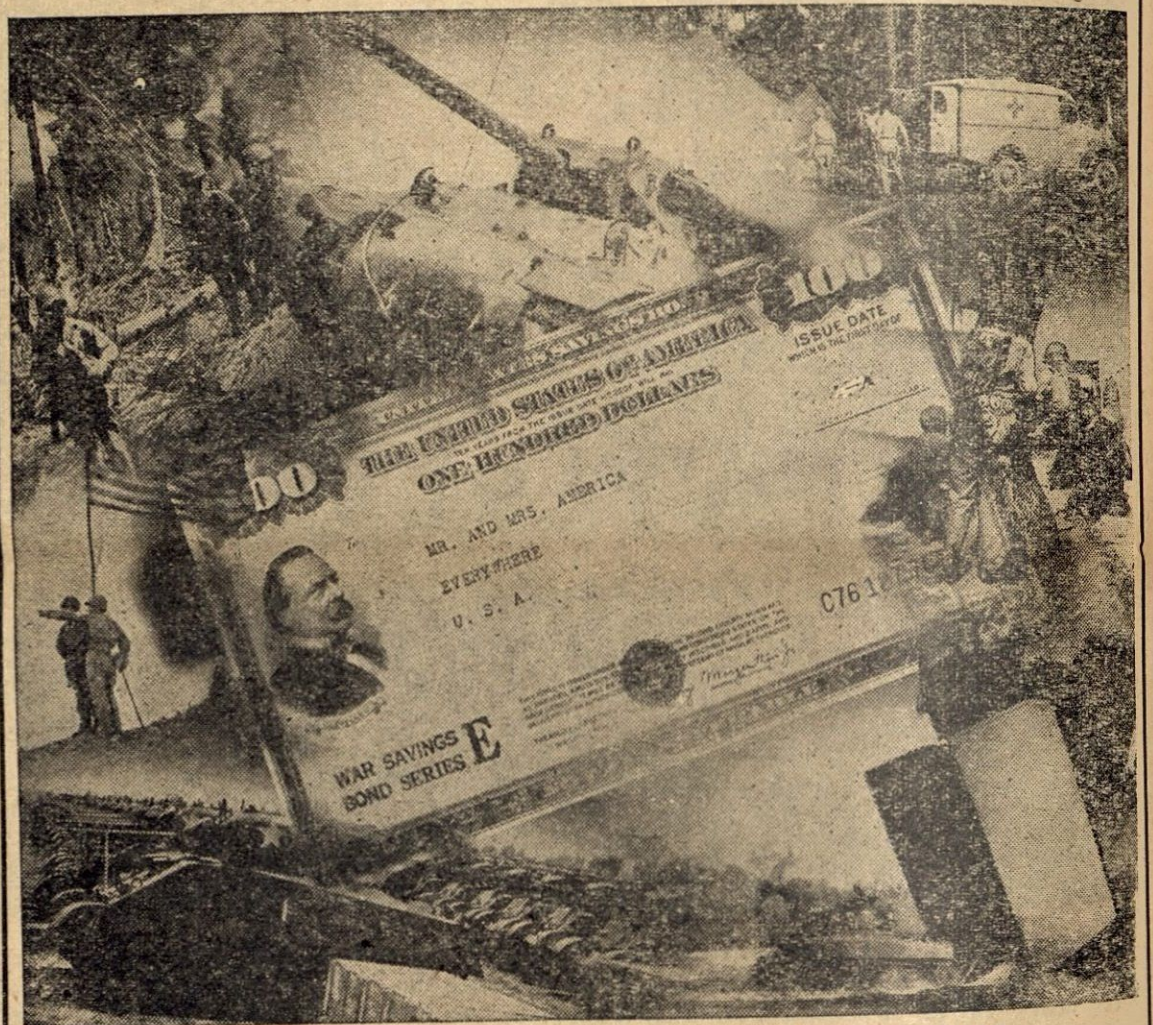
Lt. Charles L. Owens, command-

er of the third problem, praised the maneuver because it "teaches us to deal with any emergency."

The battalion medical detachment under Maj. Lloyd W. Davis of McAllen and Lt. Howard L. Smith of Alamo got a real workout. Seventeen casualties were docketed at their field hospital during the day's operations. Most of them were cut fingers, bruises and scratches, but one man, Cpl. B. G. Guzman of Donna, sustained the fracture of a small bone in his left leg when he tripped over a tree stump during the height of one of the riot problems.

Others on the hospital treatment list were Pfc. Miguel Gonzalez of McAllen, Pfc. Leonard Carr of Rio Grande City, Pfc. Javier Torres of Rio Grande City, Pfc. Alonzo Tagely of Rio Grande City, Sgt. Joe Powell of Edinburg, Sgt. Frank Houghton of Alamo, Cpl. E. C. Cooper of Pharr, Sgt. A. S. Collier of Donna, T/4 Rodolfo de la Pena of Rio Grande City, Pvt. J. Hinojosa of Pharr, Pvt. Rudolfo Gaitan of Edinburg, Sgt. Lawrence Robinson of McAllen, Pfc. G. L. Almaraz of Edinburg and T/5 Howard Smith of Rio Grande City.

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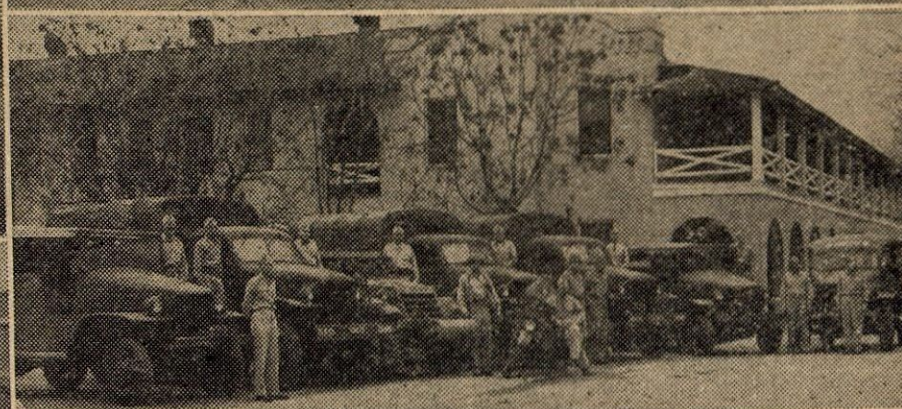
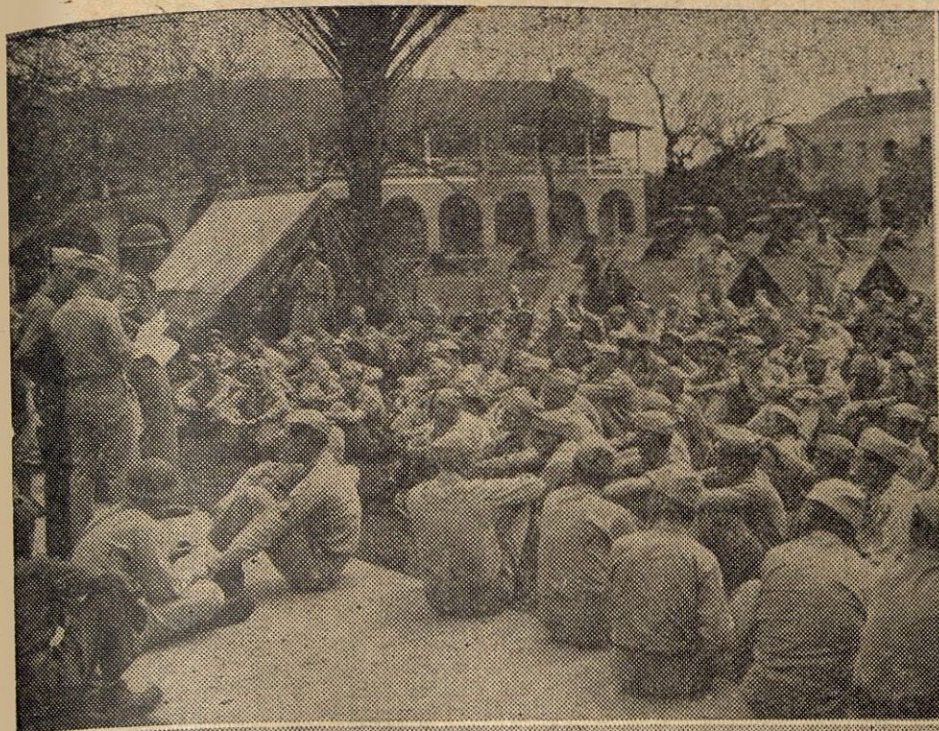
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The 31st Puts On A Bang-Up Riot Control Maneuver



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Top left: Men of the battalion assemble for a critique after the three riot control operations are concluded. At extreme right Maj. Roy P. Conway, executive officer, conducts the critique.

Lower left: A platoon wedge goes into action here to clear a mob (garrison caps) from a street. Armored scout car gives support from rear.

Top right: The 25 officers of the 31st Battalion who attended the field maneuver are pictured here. Front row, left to right: Lt. Albert Sell, Co. D, Alamo; Lt. Clem Williams, Co. D, Alamo; Lt. Howard Smith, medical detachment, Alamo; Lt. William G. Triplett, Co. A, Mission; Lt. Joe Bowen, Co. C, Pharr; Lt. Mynatt Smith, service detachment, McAllen. Second row, left to right: Lt. Mike F. Garcia, Co. G, Rio Grande City; Lt. M. G. Olivares, Co. G, Rio Grande City; Lt. W. J. Mountz, Co. C, Pharr; Lt. George Vance, Co. E, Donna; Capt. Frank Van Ness, Mission, plans and training officer; Lt. Charles L. Owens, commanding, headquarters detachment, McAllen; Lt. Rudy L. Nordmeyer, Mission, assistant plans and training officer; Lt. B. W. Wood, Co. E, Donna. Rear row, left to right: Capt. Murray D. Hensley, commanding service detachment, McAllen; Capt. John A. Pope, commanding Co. G, Rio Grande City; Capt. E. E. Wagner, command-

ing Co. D, Alamo; Capt. Clayton Baird, commanding Co. F, Edinburg; Capt. C. D. Martin, commanding Co. B, McAllen; Maj. Roy P. Conway, Mission, executive officer; Lt. Col. Lloyd M. Bentsen, Mission, commanding 31st Battalion; Maj. Lloyd W. Davis, McAllen, commanding medical detachment, McAllen; Capt. Lonnie E. Reed, commanding Co. A, Mission; Capt. Hal S. Alcorn, commanding Co. C, Pharr; and Capt. J. Harold Vertrees, commanding Co. E, Donna. —(all photos by S/Sgt. Al Thibault, USAAF, Moore Field, Texas.)

Center right: The 31st Battalion's new motorized equipment, only recently issued by state headquarters and used for the first time in the February maneuver, is pictured above.

Lower right: The 31st Battalion field hospital goes into action. At right Maj. Lloyd Davis, commanding officer (back to camera), works on Sgt. Lawrence Robinson, McAllen, who damaged a finger in the riot control action. At right, Lt. Howard L. Smith (helmet, standing), and T/5 Ed Snodgrass (seated left) work over Cpl. B. G. Guzman of Donna, who fractured the small upper bone of his left leg during one of the field operations. Looking on at right is Lt. Col. Lloyd M. Bentsen, battalion commander.

Capt. Alcorn, Pharr, Levels Drill Field

Capt. Hal Alcorn of Company E, Pharr, believes in doing the job himself when he has the tools available.

The square city block on which Company E holds its weekly meetings near Pharr's main street needed plowing and smoothing, so Captain Alcorn got out his tractors, some plows, harrows and the like, and with a Latin American helper went to work.

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Fifth Battalion Practices On Map, Compass

By
CAPT. STEWART HARKRIDER
Field practice in the use of the compass and map over some of the roughest terrain in Travis County gave the members of the Fifth Battalion plenty of practical training in covering designated areas.

Hilly, brushy, and canyon country of the Austin City Park area, where the operation was held, taxed the ingenuity and ability of the unit commanders to take a compass reading and then stay on the course until the objective was reached.

Only two members of the battalion were "lost" in the operation, but they soon were rounded up and brought in to the bivouac area in time for the noon mess.

Alerted on a Saturday, the battalion responded with a record turn-out, and bivouacked at Camp Mabry for the night.

Long Before Sunup.
Long before sunup Sunday, the guardsmen were eager and ready to make the trip to the operation area, which was located some 12 miles up the Colorado river from Austin.

The men were given orders to entruck at 0600, but since the number of men far exceeded the expected turn-up, the problem of transportation assumed a serious turn until a large number of ambulances at Camp Mabry were pressed into service to carry the extra guardsmen.

The service detachment had moved out the night before, and had breakfast ready for the guardsmen when they arrived at the area Sunday morning. Each man had a piece of ham as large as a plate for breakfast, and no questions were asked about how or where the ham was obtained. Capt. Fred Graham and his men have the reputation of getting stuff when there ain't any to be gotten.

Talk By Col. Henley
Col. Donald Henley had prepared each man in the battalion for the operation by giving a short and pithy talk on the use of the compass and map at Camp Mabry.

About sun-up, each company was orientated on the map of the park, given a compass, protractor and ruler, and the bearing and distance of its first objective. The first objectives for the companies were easy, but they had tough going after hitting the hilly and rough sections of the park.

The cavalry type radios had been borrowed from the army, and by means of them, the battalion commander was able to keep in touch with the veteran companies. One or two companies strayed off their areas, but they soon were put back on their courses by means of the radios.

Joe: "I hear the bugler's girl friend gave him the gate."
Moe: "Yeah. Someone told her he was always on a toot."

Texarkana Knows There Is A State Guard After 50th Battlion's Whirlwind Drive

By **CAPT. I. K. CROSS**
Yes, sir, if Texarkana doesn't know what the Texas State Guard is and why it is here, it certainly is not because they haven't been told recently. Headquarters, 50th Battalion, and the two line companies stationed in Texarkana, have just recently staged a recruiting campaign that was an "eye opener" to the citizens of that city, and here is how it all happened.

The manpower of the line companies as well as that of the headquarters detachments had begun to lag. Many of the best men had been called into the regular army and navy, others had become so overloaded with work that they were forced to give up their uniforms, and—well, they just had to have some men.

Well, some of the men got their heads together and devised a plan and started to work. The 50th Battalion didn't back off in the corner of the city to stage their campaign, nor try to keep it to themselves in any way. They determined to make an advertising campaign out of it for the State Guard as well as an effort to get recruits.

They set up recruiting headquarters right down in the middle of town, parked their mobile units conspicuously out in front and strung big banners so that nobody could get by without seeing what was going on.

There were also many other displays over the city drawing much attention. On Broad Street in the big show window of the electric company the Service Detachment set up a display including a field kitchen. On State Line Avenue, in the two big front windows of the gas company, Company C displayed everything from a tent to machine guns and rifles with all the trimmings. In one of the paint company windows just across the street from the recruiting headquarters, Company D had a first rate communications and gas display. In all of these windows large red, white and blue placards, for which we are indebted to Sgt. Morris Womack, Second Battalion, Houston, saying "Why aren't you a Guardsman?" stared the people in the face.

The local radio station, KCMC, fell to with a will, and all through the day at station breaks the listeners were constantly reminded for three weeks of the work of the Texas State Guard. Each evening about the time a man relaxed in his easy chair the voice of a Guardsman was heard speaking on the radio urging him to get in the State Guard. On Sunday afternoons 30-minute programs were given by a studio full of officers and enlisted men.

The local newspaper also "heaved to" in a big way. Every morning during the campaign a man could not look his paper over without getting some information about the State Guard. They carried pictures and articles every time they were presented to the editorial room.

Again we offer our thanks to Sergeant Womack for further printed matter. From him we obtained several thousand stuffers for utility bills. These leaflets went into every home where a utility bill went and laid the need of the State Guard before Mr. and Mrs. alike.

Right in the heat of the campaign Captain Alverson of Company D staged a carnival for the State Guard. This carnival drew the crowds and also helped the financial status of the Texarkana units.

What were the results? Well, the campaign has been over now nearly two weeks. Last Monday night I was down to visit Captain Sparks of Company C and they were still lined up in front of the company clerk's desk waiting to

enlist. Every unit in Texarkana has been greatly strengthened, not only in manpower but in morale. Texarkana has been made far more State Guard conscious.

If you don't need any more men in the Guard unit in your town it will do your outfit and your whole town good to stage an advertising campaign anyway. If 50th Battalion Headquarters can help you any we shall be more than glad to do so. We learned a few things by experience.

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Out west recently, baseball fans heaved a sigh of relief when one of the less popular umpires was called up for induction by the Army.

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Pfc.: "How come the Sing Sing football team wanted to play the Army?"

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Just Shot In The Tail With Luck

Atlantic City, N. J.—"It stung—like a handful of wet sand," said S/Sgt. Samuel Baglio, Jersey City, explaining how it felt when he lost the seat of his pants to a piece of flak. Sergeant Baglio was tail gunner of a Liberator bomber at the time.

"Flak came through the right side of the plane, tore across the seat of my pants, ripping the wires off my heated suit, bounded off the inner left door and landed in my lap."

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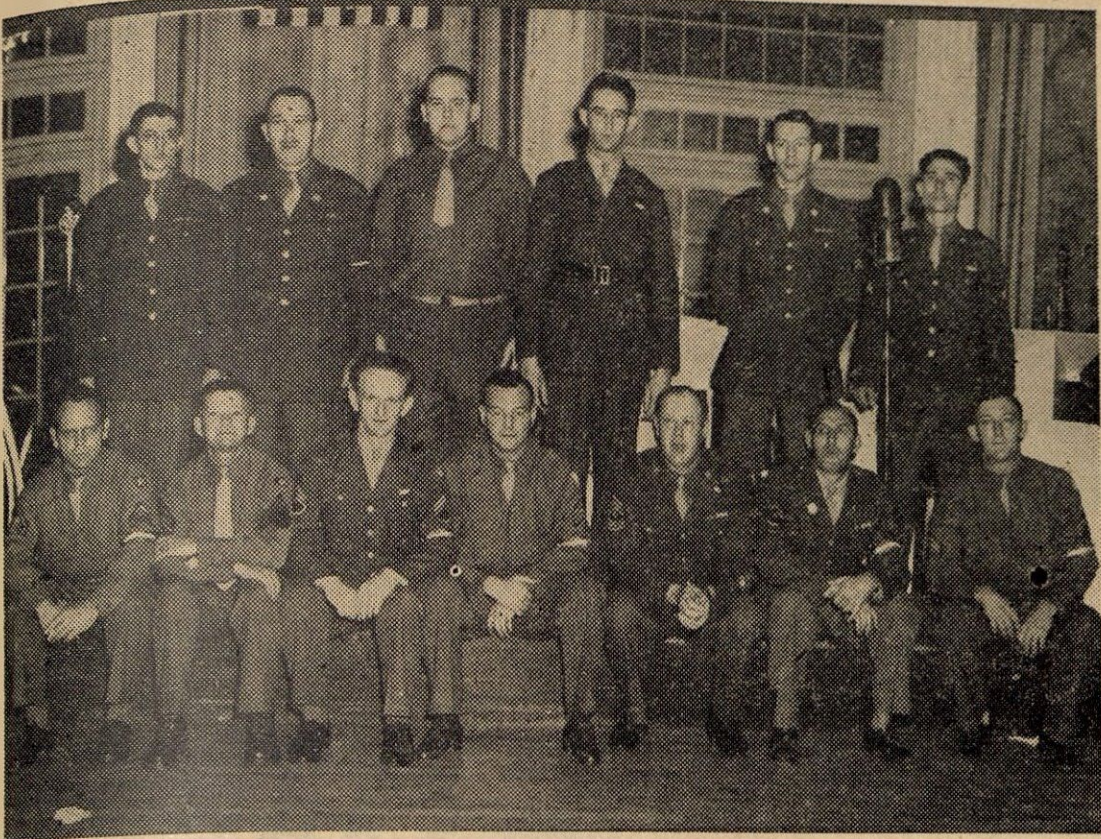
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CAN'T TELL

After considerable search, a little boy and girl located a knothole in the high board fence surrounding a nudist colony.

"Gee, look at the people," said the lad.

"Are they men or women?"

"Can't tell. They don't have any clothes on."

The Houston Non - Commissioned Officers Association of the Texas State Guard was host to a dance for the personnel of the four Houston battalions, 2nd, 7th, 22nd and 48th, on February 14, which was a huge success. The photo at the top shows the non-coms who made the affair a success. Sergeant Morris Womack, Second Battalion, president of the association, is in the center of the bottom row.

Papoose-Barracks Bag Is Good Idea

Chicago.—Pvt. William Williams, en route to his home at Hudson, N. Y., demonstrated here that he did not have to worry about the shortage of railroad station porters, of losing his baggage or running after his 3-year-old son. He carried his youngster in his barracks bag, papoose fashion, and the boy hugely enjoyed his ingenious dad's idea.

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Co. D, 50th Bn. Makes Profit On Anniversary

By FIRST SGT. J. T. STARKES

In celebrating their third anniversary, Company D, 50th Battalion, along with the other Texarkana units of the 50th Battalion, staged a jamboree program on Friday night, January 26. A good time was had by all, and the local companies are much better off financially. Ticket sales amounted to \$191.

After all expenses were deducted, \$380 was turned over to the companies of the Guard in Texarkana. The sum of \$571 is to be divided between the medical and service and supply detachments, battalion headquarters, and Companies C and D.

During the first part of February, Company D sent two local boys to Fort Worth to participate in the Golden Gloves boxing tournament. They are Bobby Dowd, 140 pounds, and "Butch" Hamilton, 155 pounds. At this writing Dowd had won three out of three bouts, and Hamilton, one out of one. They were to take part in the quarter finals about the 15th. These boys are not members of Company D, but have been fighting under the company's sponsorship.

Members of Company D with perfect attendance for January were: Capt. Alverson, Lt. Collyer, Lt. Hardin, First Sgt. Starkes, S/Sgt. Shofner, S/Sgt. Vaughan, T/5 Swanger, T/5 Gehrke, Cpl. Wall, Pfc. Peavy, Pfc. McClung, and Pfc. Moore.

Throughout the month of January, and the first part of February, a recruiting campaign was carried on in Texarkana. Company D enlisted several new members. They were Pvts. Foster, Hale, Brewner, Misch, Bane, and (re-enlisted) Sgt. Truitt and First Sgt. Starkes.

Several men are leaving Company D for the armed forces. Those

Colonels Pin On Gamble's Bars



Newly made Capt. Charles Gamble gets his bars pinned on by three colonels, and they are, left to right, Lt. Col. Sidney Mason, Captain Gamble, Lt. Col. James Jones and Col. Neil Banister, assistant adjutant general. Captain Gamble is the personnel adjutant with his offices in the

administration building at Camp Mabry, Austin. He started his career with the guard as a member of the old Texas Defense Guard, Fifth Battalion. Captain Gamble knows his forms any way you want to take them, forwards, backwards, or sideways. In fact, he is an expert on administrative work in the guard.

discharged the first part of February into the armed forces were: S/Sgt. Shofner, Cpl. Tanner and T/5 Holland. Others discharged recently were S/Sgt. McCarley (enlistment expired), Sgt. Keasler (into armed forces), Pfc. Henley, Pvts. Bruce and Connella.

There were two re-enlistments in January. Sgt. Truitt, discharged over a year ago because he moved from town, was signed up again, and in February was promoted to sergeant. First Sgt. Starkes re-enlisted the day his enlistment expired and was promoted to first sergeant.

Throughout February, Company D trained at firing small bore rifles, both preparatory range practice and record fire.

Promotions during January and the first of February were: Cpl. Wall, from Pfc.; Cpl. Thompson, from Pfc.; T/5 Diseker, from Pfc.; Pfc. McClung, from Pvt.; Pfc. Francis, from Pvt.; T/5 Garber, from Pfc.; T/5 Gehrke, from Pfc.; Sgt. Truitt, from Pvt.; Pfc. Moore, from Pvt. Pvt. Elder was reduced to private from T/5.

"The sultan's son is inclined to be a little wild."

"Harem scare?"

"No, he scares them."

There was a little country girl who always went out with city fellers because farm hands were too rough.

Pvt.: "Do I gotta eat this egg, Sarge?"

Sarge: "Yer doggone right."

Pvt.: "The beak, too?"

History Repeats After 26 Years

Washington.—History has repeated itself in a "believe-it-or-not" fashion for Mrs. Walter E. Metz, of Douglas, Wyo.

Reading a letter from her draftee son, Walter, Jr., dated September 28, 1944, Mrs. Metz was struck by a familiar-sounding sentence on the first page, "I'm shipping my clothes back today; you should get them tomorrow."

From an old trunk Mrs. Metz retrieved the letter she had received from her husband when he entered the Army in 1918. The same message, the same words, beginning on the same line of the first page greeted her.

Both letters were dated September 28 and postmarked 10:25 a.m.—26 years apart.

Ten Percent Of Nazi Population Behind Bars, Paper Says

Washington.—Ten per cent of the German population, including tens of thousands of members of the armed forces, are behind bars.

In a dispatch to the Office of War Information, the Swiss Schaffhauser Arbeiterzeitung said that from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 German citizens are locked in Nazi prisons and concentration camps.

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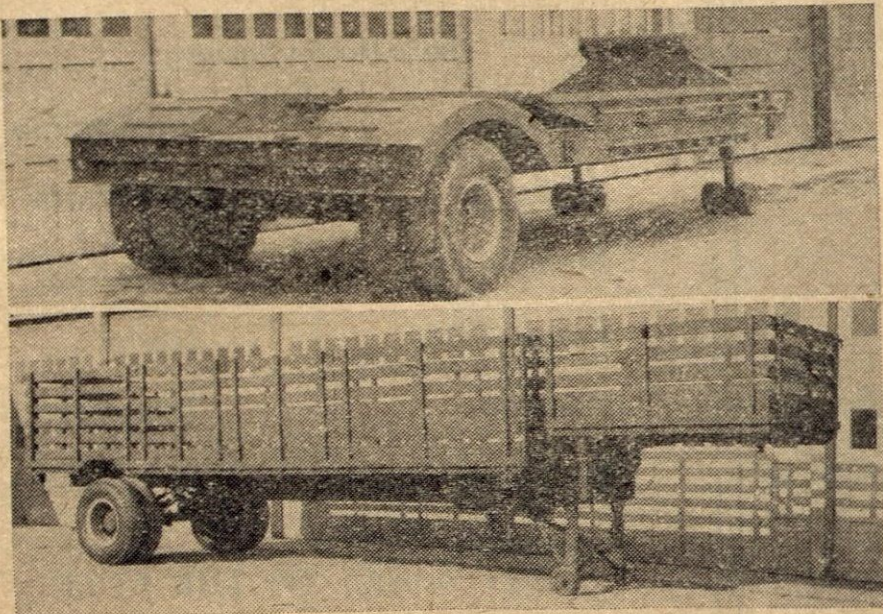
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Here Is An Idea To Further Recruiting In Your Sections

(Editor's Note: The following brochure for recruiting for the Texas State Guard was prepared and published by the Military Affairs Committee of the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

Ten thousand copies were printed and distributed to members of the chamber who are connected with Houston industries. In addition, the four Houston battalions were given a thousand each for recruiting purposes.

The Guardsman is publishing the brochure in full with the hope that it will constitute a guide for similar actions in other cities and towns over the state. It is suggested that battalion and company commanders contact their own chambers to have similar literature published and distributed over the state.)

Opportunity beckons patriotic Houstonians to serve the Nation, contribute to the National war effort and earn the commendation of fellow citizens by affiliating with Texas State Guard. This worthwhile gesture does not involve sacrifice. No contributions are required nor is loss of time from gainful occupation necessary to serve diligently and constructively in the citizen soldiery whose existence is Texas' safeguard against chaotic conditions that might follow unexpected developments, of which race riots are, perhaps, the simplest type.

When the global war is concluded and peace again prevails in America, thousands of genuine patriots too old to participate in combat branches of the military services will proudly display the ribbon and medal awarded for service in State Guard organizations. It will say to the world: "I was past military age or prevented by a physical defect from joining the Army or Navy, but I did my bit and this medal testifies to the fact!"

The Texas State Guard, and the nationwide network of similar organizations, is the upshot of a plan originated at Houston in 1940 when the National Guard was mobilized, leaving communities throughout the land without the potent extralateral support of civil power set up in the National Guard system. The present plan varies from the original conception, but the idea developed in Houston, hence citizens of this city have a very special interest in its successful maintenance.

Urgently Needed

The fact is widely recognized that conditions may develop almost without warning in which trained, disciplined groups are urgently needed to prevent breaches of the peace entirely beyond the control of normal peace strength. An excellent example occurred in a neighboring Texas city when unbridled racial differences precipitated an outbreak of lawlessness that seriously threatened the peace of the community involved. Prompt mobilization of Texas State Guard instantly quelled disorder and peace was restored without incidents that might have been a sinister blot on the history of the State. A similar incident in a great Northern industrial center, in which State Guards were not employed, resulted in vicious street fighting, serious property damage and substantial loss of life. The comparison is very definitely in favor of the Texas plan and highly creditable to State Guard.

The State Guard is a military organization, operated under approved Army regulations and pro-

cedure. Authority for administration and direction is vested wholly in the State of Texas through its Adjutant General. State Guards may not be employed outside the confines of Texas. Uniforms and equipment are provided by the Federal Government, which has consistently enhanced its support as material could be spared from military forces in combat service. Final awards for service, when such are approved, will be by the State of Texas.

Requirements

Requirements for enlistment set the age limit at 60 years. Men under this age, if in reasonably good physical condition, will be received for three years service with liberal arrangements for interim discharge when conditions warrant. Uniforms, arms, equipment training and other necessities are provided without cost to the enlistee. When called for active service all members are paid while on special duty at prevailing pay scales for the United States Army, which includes travel time and transportation. Otherwise the service is entirely voluntary without pay or allowances.

Service in the Texas State Guard is pleasant. Tasks imposed are well within the physical powers of the enlisted and commissioned personnel. Facilities are afforded for advancement of individuals to ranks up to commissioned grade. Devotion to duty is encouraged and rewarded.

The drills and field exercises offer the finest kind of exercise because they are orderly, intelligently regulated and conducted for purposes other than merely to exercise the body. The companionship of citizens imbued with kindred patriotic impulses is refreshing and inspiring.

Innumerable instances are forthcoming where members of the State Guard, past normal age for military effort and self-sentenced to the status of "oldsters," have won new leases on life and undergone quite complete reversals of outlook after a few weeks or months in the State Guard service. This exemplifies the adage "A man is as old as he feels."

Constructive Work

Many individuals have found in the Guard that constructive organized outdoor work in the open with his fellow townsmen, in Uncle Sam's uniform under the Stars and Stripes, has rejuvenated their viewpoints in in extraordinary measure.

Residents of Houston who join Texas State Guard will be amply repaid in a variety of directions, most outstanding being a consciousness of patriotic duty performed despite age-physical handi-

caps which prevent service with overseas armed forces.

Women of Houston can add to their patriotic effort by encouraging individuals within their scope of influence to affiliate with Texas State Guard. A man in khaki is a valuable asset to any household because his service reflects the patriotic atmosphere of the home he represents.

It's worth while to follow up the idea of enlisting in Texas State Guard. Complete detailed information is available at any of the four battalion headquarters in Houston, as follows:

- 2nd Battalion—3816 Caroline Street.
- 7th Battalion—2122 Main Street.
- 22nd Battalion—4715 Main Street.
- 48th Battalion Marine—City Auditorium.

A telegram was recently received by parents of a sailor in New Guinea: "The natives here have never heard of American slang. Never played poker. Money order enclosed for \$500."

Toothpaste And Soda Make Good Hot Cakes

With the 35th Infantry Division in France.—A shortage of baking powder didn't stop a 35th Infantry Division cook from making hot cakes for the men of his company facing the Germans on the Western front. T//Sgt. Robert Carico, Wichita, Kan., had flour—but no baking powder. So he added tooth powder and bicarbonate of soda to the batter; the boys said the hot cakes were fine.

Many Are Illegally Wearing Uniforms

Washington.—Convictions for illegal wearing of uniforms of the armed forces during the latter half of 1944 were 155 per cent above the corresponding periods of the three previous years, said J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director.

"Best way to detect fakers is to ask for credentials," said Hoover. "Refusal should immediately be reported to the FBI or other law enforcement agency."

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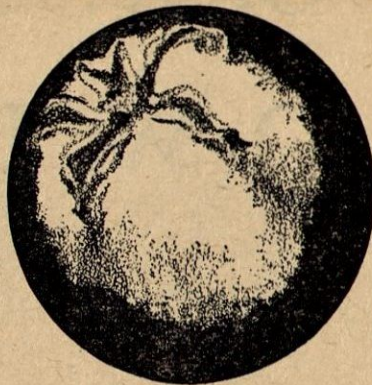
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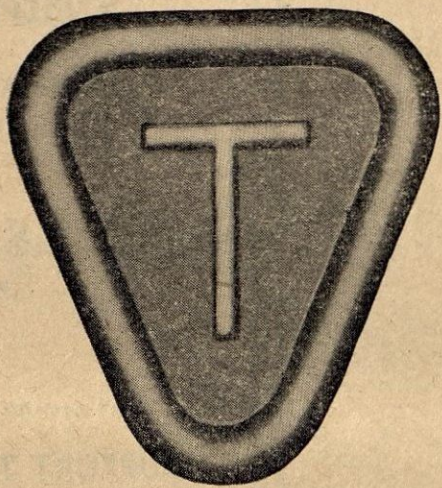
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Pfc. Hoover Comes Back With Tall Tales About Mosquitoes

After serving with the Seabees since April, 1943, Pfc. Lester Hoover has been sworn in again in Company A, Second Battalion, of the Texas State Guard. He entered the Seabees as a painter and saw service in the Samoan, Society, Wallace Islands, and in Funa Futi in the Ellis Islands, until he was recently given a medical discharge. Lester still has two sons in the service, Walter and Herbert. Walter is in the Air Corps in England, and Herbert is in the Third Army, Artillery, in Germany.

Lester said that, as much as he enjoyed the hitch in the Seabees, he was thankful and happy to be back home.

Hoover says there were a lot of things more irritating than the Japs, such as those sudden sheets of rain and then a quick, steaming and blistering sunshine. Then there were the mosquitoes, which were large and versatile and of two types—pro-ally and pro-Jap.

The pro-ally mosquitoes were very peaceful and obliging, but those of the pro-Jap class were "mean as hell." They had been trained by the Japs to maintain a holding position after the Japs had fled or been destroyed.

"We used to go out at night," he says, "and with our flashlights, watch their maneuvers."

Once, he saw two groups of nine. The leader of each group had found an American baseball bat and were "tawing" with it to see which group attacked a sleeping Seabee first.

Another time he noticed a class studying a Japanese dive bombing manual. After closely following this mosquito group, he discovered they would send out advanced patrols, and when they cited a sleeping Seabee, they would release a pigeon with the disclosed position attached on a cigarette paper.

Another patrol would throw up a bunch of lightning bugs as a flare for the dive bombing type of mosquito. He said he had never heard of any of these taking a Seabee as prisoner, nor had he ever heard of a Seabee getting the pur-

ple heart from a mosquito bite, but that once, when a doctor needed a certain type of blood in a hurry, he found it in a big one that had made Pfc. Hoover anemic.

Mr. Hoover says he was signed up in the Seabees as a painter, and, although he drove trucks, dug ditches, cooked, aided in first aid, washed clothes, and chopped trees, he has never used a paint brush overseas.

El Paso—

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beaten until they are fought in Asia.

"What the troops in the front lines can do, the State Guard can do," he said. "It is an essential part of the defense of the nation."

Mayor J. E. Anderson assured Colonel Johnson that the City Council would consider his request for an appropriation from the city, stating that the El Pasoans should be prepared for the emergencies which will arise in the post-war period.

Praising the value of the state organization to the community, Judge M. Scarborough appealed to the business men present to encourage their employees to join the State Guard.

Lt. Col. Samuel R. Haggard, managing director of The Guards-

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Lt. Col. Travis Johnson, commanding the Fourth Battalion, Texas State Guard, at El Paso.

man, State Guard publication, reported that 12,000 men who trained in the State Guard went into the Army.

"With a son fighting in the South Pacific," he said, "I am proud that I can tell him I am doing more than buying bonds."

He recalled such disasters as the Ringling Brothers fire, the Cocoa-

nut Grove fire, and riots in Beaumont, Texas, and Detroit when State Guardsmen came to the rescue.

Colonel Haggard urged El Pasoans to write their representatives to support the bill which will increase state financial support of the organization and to join the guard, even though they are "working 10 or 14 hours a day."

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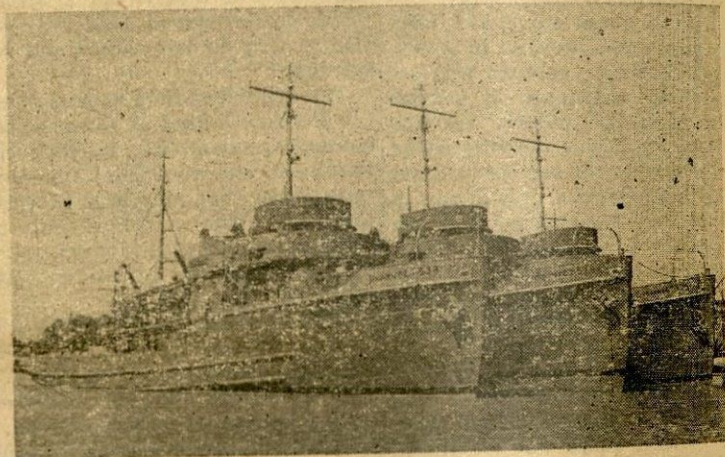
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37th Battalion Praised For Its Good Work

By CAPT. JOHN H. MITCHENER

Chaplain, 37th Bn., TSG.
Report of the meeting of the officers and non-coms of the 37th Battalion, TSG, on February 4, in Palestine.

The five companies and two unit detachments were well represented and the meeting was presided over by Lt. Col. Joe M. Daniels, commanding officer of the 37th. Col. Daniels complimented the group on the fine work they are now doing, drew some comparisons illustrating our responsibility in the matter of internal security, and emphasized the necessity for thorough training of the entire personnel. He also advised the battalion regarding recent government issue of equipment some of which had already arrived, with more available shortly. Included in equipment already received and yet to be distributed are three 1½-ton cargo trucks and a field kitchen. Just recently a six-ton armored scout car had been received and this was assigned to Company C, of Kerens, the heavy arms unit of the battalion. There being insufficient equipment to distribute equally to each unit, a drawing was held in which Companies A, B and E were successful in drawing the motor equipment and Company C drew the field kitchen.

Maj. Byford L. Cook, executive officer of the battalion, gave an interesting talk on arms and ammunition outlining plans for several competitive "shoots" in the months ahead. He also stressed the need for all personnel being familiar with all arms used by the battalion.

Col. Daniels announced the next battalion bivouac, stressing its importance as a part of the training schedule, and urged all units to have the entire personnel present.

Several battalion assignments were announced, and in the round-table which followed many suggestions were given for the improvement of the battalion.

Daring Aviator Gets Seven Japs In A Day

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters on Luzon.—A new one-day record for the Far East Air Forces was set recently by fighter-pilot Capt. William Shom, of Huff, Pa., who shot down seven Jap planes over Luzon.

His wingman, Lt. Paul Lipscomb of Fort Worth, downed three the same day.

Flying a reconnaissance mission over Luzon, they were intercepted by 12 Jap fighters and one bomber. The Jap force was quickly reduced to three.

The record for the southwest Pacific was formerly held by Col. Neel Kirby of San Antonio, who shot down six Jap planes over Wewak.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS FOR JANUARY, 1945

Name	Pmtd. To	Unit
Walker, William O.	Captain	Co. E, 1st Bn.
Mitchell, Joseph A.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 1st Bn.
Ward, Harold Ralph	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 1st Bn.
Kenneth, George Davies	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 36th Bn.
Labadie, Paul F.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 49th Bn.
Wilson, Warren S.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 49th Bn.
Jane, Victor J.	Captain	Hqs., 6th Bn.
Watson, Frank Z.	Captain	Co. B, 6th Bn.
McClain, Will K.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 6th Bn.
Smith, Fred C.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 6th Bn.
Atkin, John T.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 6th Bn.
Jones, Don. P.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 39th Bn.
Morgan, Frank H.	Captain	Co. D, 42nd Bn.
Sims, Enoch A.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 42nd Bn.
Alexander, Elmer Russell	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 42nd Bn.
Duson, Donald M.	Major	Hqs., 47th Bn.
Lewis, Aubrey L.	Captain	Med. Det., 11th Bn.
Wright, Jesse P.	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 44th Bn.
Middlebrook, Francis M.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 5th Bn.
White, Fred L.	Major	Hqs., 9th Bn.
Woullard, Euston S.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 11th Bn.
McLaughlin, Arthur G.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 11th Bn.
Ragland, Madison S.	Captain	Med. Det., 32nd Bn.
Stern, Harold L.	Captain	Co. D, 7th Bn.
Shelton, William B.	1st Lt.	Serv. Det., 12th Bn.
McCarthy, Loyd V.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 14th Bn.
Young, Sam D.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 25th Bn.
Yarbrough, Doyce C, Jr.	Captain	Med Det., 35th Bn.
Driggs, Wilson C.	Captain	Co. C, 35th Bn.
Eldredge, Charles B.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 35th Bn.
Moore, John I.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 35th Bn.
Higley, Morris T.	Lt. Col.	Hqs., 41st Bn.
Worthington, Phillip H.	Captain	Hqs., 3rd Bn.
Huber, Fred K., Jr.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det., 4th Bn.
Clemons, John H.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 38th Bn.
Edge, George M.	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 38th Bn.
Stewart, William J., Jr.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 39th Bn.
Rosenthal, Raoul S.	Captain	Med. Det., 19th Bn.
Holmes, Wilkerson H.	Captain	Med. Det., 48th Bn.
Flanders, Thomas J.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 51st Bn.
Smith, Roy Lee	Captain	Hqs., 8th Bn.
Kingston, Benson M.	Captain	Hqs., 15th Bn.
Davies, Kenneth G.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 36th Bn.
Cross, Irvie K.	Captain	Hqs., 50th Bn.

General Marshall Sees Good Shooting

Fort McClellan, Ala.—It's not every day that a private gets a chance to show Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief-of-staff, how good he is, but Pvt. Armand Gilbert is one of those naturally lucky fellows.

Private Gilbert had never fired a rifle grenade, but he was ordered out to test his skill by firing at a moving tank target. As his buddies began their practice shots a four-star general came along and borrowed Private Gilbert's gun to examine the sighting device. When he handed it back Private Gilbert took one shot—and hit the tank dead center.

The four-star general—General Marshall—had the sharpshooting private report to him and learned that Gilbert got his training shooting partridges before entering the Army.

SORE FINGER ENOUGH

A notorious goldbrick sent a note to his company commander: "Could I get two weeks furlough to convalesce from a traumatic perrosynovitis of the flexor digitorum sublimus in profuoundis muscle at the metacarpophalangeal joint?" "Request turned down," the CO jotted on the message. "Sore finger isn't enough reason."

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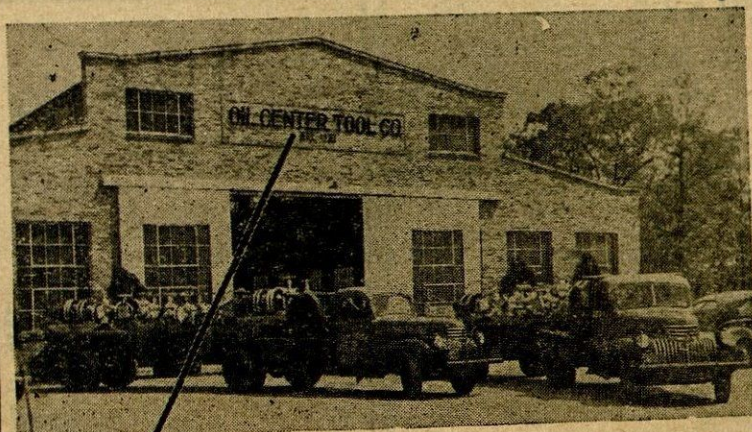
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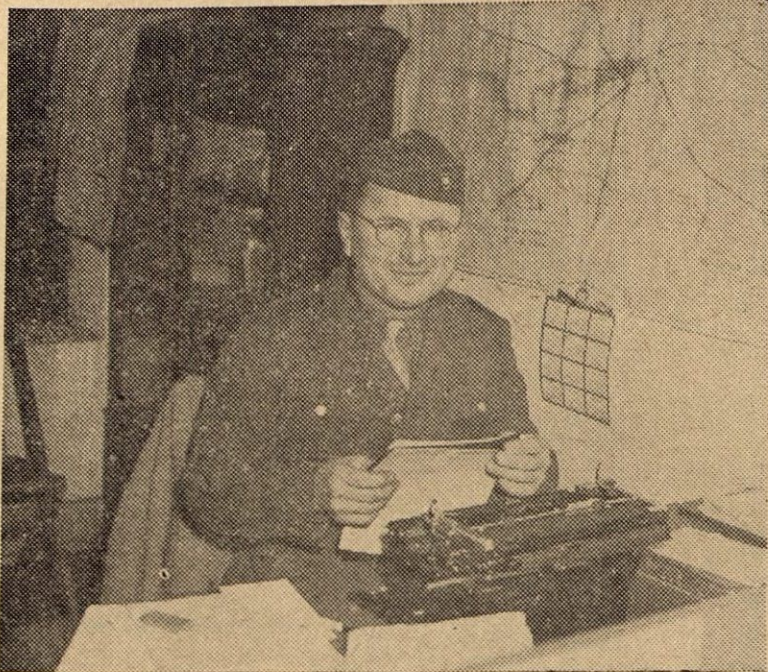
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Capt. Melton Heads Dallas Officers Assn.

By CAPT. E. H. MILLER, JR.
Dallas.—Captain Frank O. Melton, one of the most active officers in Chapter No. 1, Texas State Guard Officers Association, is the new president of the chapter, having been elected on January 26. Other officers chosen by acclamation at the same time are:
First Vice President, Capt. Roy G. Pender, 51st Battalion.
Second Vice President, First Lt. R. R. Boykin, 35th Battalion.
Third Vice President, Capt. R. M. Carter, 19th Battalion.
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He: "No, I roll 'em."

Perambulating Guardsman



Staff Sgt. Otto Hanus might be termed The Perambulating Guardsman. He is in the Eighth Battalion, Waco, now, but also has served in the 36th at San Antonio and the 27th at Fort Worth. He is manager of Sears' farm stores in Waco and his business has kept him on the move.

Kilgore Corporal Braves Flames To Win Citation

Kilgore.—For utterly disregarding flames and exploding shells to evacuate wounded and combat the fire in a burning ammunition dump on Peleliu Island, Marine Pfc. John T. Crim, Jr., 21, of Kilgore has been commended by the commanding general of the First Marine Division. His citation stated that "by continuously exposing himself by returning again and again into the fire he played a great part in getting the fire under control and in saving a large dump of ammunition which permitted nearby mortar battery to continue firing throughout the action."
Crim, who has been promoted to corporal and stationed at a rest camp since the action, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Crim of Kilgore.

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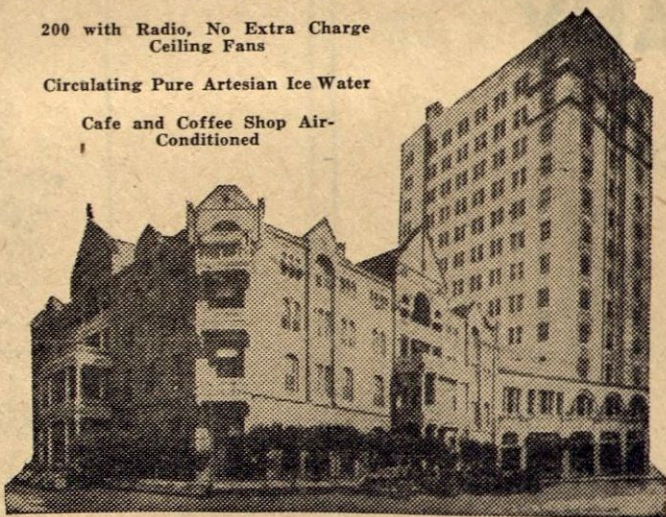
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New Motorized Equipment Assigned By 31st

Plans for the use of motorized equipment recently made available to the battalion by the War Department and Col. Sidney C. Mason's supply section at Camp Mabry were discussed at the February meeting of the 31st Battalion TSG Officers Association 9 February at Alamo.

Maj. Lloyd W. Davis of McAllen, president, was in charge of the session.

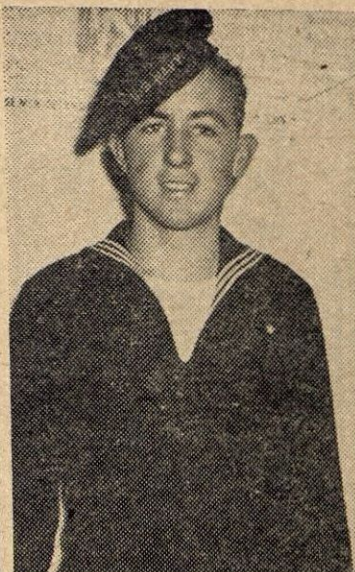
Capt. Murray D. Hensley, commanding the service detachment at McAllen, announced that the armored scout car issued to the battalion had been assigned to Capt. Elmer Wagner's heavy weapons unit, Company D of Alamo, and that one of two command cars had been assigned to Capt. Frank Van Ness of Mission, battalion plans and training officer, who spends an average of four or five nights a week attending various drill meetings of the battalion units. A motorcycle has been assigned to Lt. Charles Owens' headquarters detachment at McAllen and a field ambulance to Major Davis' medical detachment there.

One command car and three ton-and-a-half cargo trucks will be retained by the service detachment, Captain Hensley said, but will be issued to any unit for tactical or training purposes upon presentation of written requisition to Colonel Bentsen. The Colonel said this system had been devised as a means of best meeting the requirements of the units.

Driver instruction sessions will be conducted by the service detachment for men assigned from each company as drivers of trucks or cars in case use of the vehicles is requested.

Company D was host to the officers' session, with Captain Wagner and Lts. Albert Sell and Clem Wil-

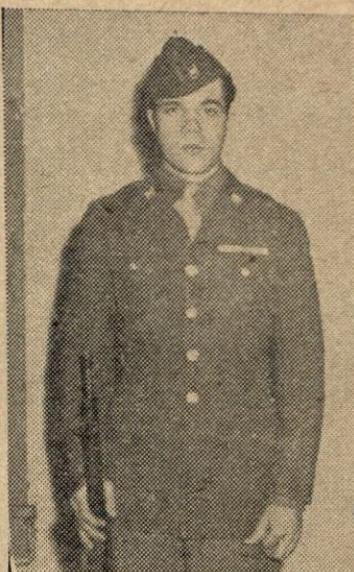
Navy To Guard



Thomas Allen Hussey, 17, a new member of the Eighth Battalion at Waco. Fresh out of the navy after serving four months, Hussey joined up with the Guard because he says his service taught him there should be an organization to maintain the internal security of Texas.

liams pitching in to serve the menu of T-bone steaks, fried potatoes and their accoutrements.

Fighting Guardsman



War is not just something you read about to Pvt. Leonard D. Riley, 21, new member of the Eighth Battalion at Waco. Riley served 2½ years with the Ninth and First Divisions of the Marine Corps and fought in seven major battles. He served in Tulagi, Tarawa, the New Hebrides, New Georgia Islands, New Guinea, Samoa, New Zealand and Australia.

When anyone asks him if there is a need for a State Guard, he replies, "By all means."

Canned Hamburger Is New Field Ration

Chicago.—The Army has cooked up "something for the boys" in the form of a canned hamburger that can be eaten in the field hot or cold.

Packed two to a can, with salt and pepper added and a charcoal-

broiled flavor, the hamburgers are best when heated, but can be eaten cold.

Brig. Gen. J. E. Barzynski, commanding officer of the Chicago Quartermaster Depot, said the hamburgers would be packed in the Army field ration "10-in-1," a 45-pound package supplying enough food for 10 soldiers for one day.

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Brownsville Lays Plans For Postwar Era

When travel restrictions are removed after this nation has emerged victorious in the present war, and Texas people start moving toward favored hunting and fishing spots once more, a large number of these sportsmen will turn toward Brownsville, down at the southern tip of the state.

And one of the reasons for this is that Brownsville offers probably as wide a variety of hunting and fishing to be found any place in the nation.

In fact, fishing is available throughout the year, with hunting extending from September, when the famed white wing is on the wing, through the quail season and duck season into January.

Brownsville has both salt water and fresh water fishing almost at the city's door. The Brownsville ship channel, dredged from the Gulf 17 miles across dry land to within a few miles of Brownsville, has brought salt water fishing to the city. And some of the best fishing in these waters is in the turning basin itself, now closed to fishermen.

Throughout Year

Fish are caught in the channel throughout the year, with big runs of croaker at times, with fine fishing for pike during much of the late summer and fall, and winter fishing, as well as summer fishing, for redfish and trout. During the coldest days of the winter anglers frequently catch trout trolling in the ship channel.

Surf fishing is available at a fine mainland beach only 25 miles away, and many anglers have luck near the mouth of the Rio Grande. Then there is mackerel fishing at the jetties in the summer months, and king mackerel fishing in the Gulf during the summer, along with sailfish and marlin fishing for those who want to go a bit farther out.

Tarpon move into the waters here late in February and fishing for those big fellows usually starts in the Rio Grande the latter part of March and continues into May. Then it moves over to the bass at Brazos-Santiago, near Port Isabel, and continues good throughout the summer and on into the fall months.

In the Resacas

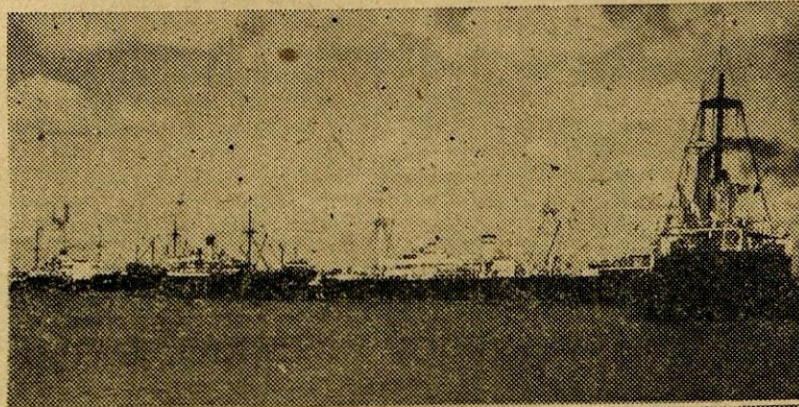
Fresh water fishing is available in the resacas, which are old beds of the Rio Grande, near the city, and the bass fishing is best in winter months, although there is good fishing early in the morning and late in the afternoon during the summer.

Anglers who prefer catfish can make good catches in the Rio Grande itself.

One of the biggest attractions of the Lower Rio Grande Valley area to hunters is the white winged dove, which is on hand in hundreds of thousands when the season opens, usually in the middle of September.

In addition there is good dove hunting, quail hunting, deer, duck, goose, and turkey hunting all within a short distance of Brownsville. The hunting on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande is even better than that on the American side, although poor roads keep most hunters from going there. However, after the war it is expected this country will be opened to American sportsmen by completion of the

Scenes In And Around Brownsville



Matamoros-Victoria highway, now under construction.

Finest Fishing

There are other attractions to the south that will appeal to Americans coming here, particularly the famed Eighth Pass about a hundred miles south of here on the coast of Mexico. Some of the fin-fitting trousers and a huge sombrero and plenty of color throughout; and the China Poblana, an even more gaily colored costume, for women.

But there are infinite variations, with costumes from the various states of Mexico and from other Latin American nations seen everywhere during the three-day event.

The entertainment includes costume dances, Mexican night clubs, parades of children in costume and of men and women in costume and on horseback, quarter horse racing, a type of race popular on the border here in earlier days; a Mexican village, strolling troubadours singing old ballads of Mexico, exhibits of Mexican handicrafts, and other such events.

Guard Takes Part

In recent years the Texas State Guard has taken a prominent part in the fiesta, and in the event just closed the Guard not only marched in review, but its members helped in policing and in many other ways.

It is the plan of the Charro Days officials to build a Charro Village immediately after the war. This Village is to be built on the banks of the Rio Grande, and it will consist of a large number of small, typically Mexican buildings grouped around one large central Charro Hall in which the main events of the fiesta are to be held.

There will be promenades along the river, all lighted for the fiesta, and the entire Village is to be used throughout the year for various

events, with the possibility of a permanent international exhibit being placed there.

The fiesta is to expand in many ways after the war.

Texan Is Wounded By Six-Foot, Four Jap

McAllen.—Marine Pfc. Bill C. Young of McAllen at least can have the satisfaction of having been wounded by one of the largest Japanese ever reported killed in the Pacific.

A Marine Corps combat correspondent tells the story of Young, now stationed at Corpus Christi. It happened back on Guadalcanal when Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Young of McAllen, and his buddies found the Jap holed up in the side of a canyon during the last stages of the campaign for the famous island.

Suddenly a rain of machine gun fire met the American troops, picking their way down the steep canyon slope. Young was hit in the right hand and was knocked out of action for a while, but his mates opened up with fire on the big imperial Jap marine as he stormed out of some brush after wounding Young. They cut him down in his tracks.

The Jap was a six-foot, four-inch specimen. "I have never seen a larger man," said Young, who later was awarded the Purple Heart. He also wears the Presidential Unit citation. In his 20 months in the Pacific, he served on Guadalcanal, Samoa, in the New Hebrides and New Zealand.

Top left: Port Isabel, the port for Brownsville, is a busy scene with ships from all parts of the world coming there to carry the Rio Grande Valley products to the outside world.

Top right: Brownsville's colorful Charro Days Fiesta is a gay and amusing time. Brownsville residents put on the colorful garb of the Mexican people as this couple shows.

Lower left: The Missouri Pacific Railway station and El Jardin Hotel in the background.

The Brownsville area is a fisherman's paradise, as this angler's catch shows.

THANK THE LORD

The anxiously expectant father had been pacing the hospital ward nervously for hours, biting his nails and showing every sign of distress when the nurse appeared with the news that it was a baby girl. He shouted: "Thank the Lord it's a girl; she'll never have to go through with what I've just been through."

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Texan Honored For Daring Air Attack

Washington.—Diving to a perilously low altitude to score a hit on a large cargo vessel and leaving it in a sinking condition had won the Distinguished Flying Cross for Marine Captain Howard M. Humphrey, Baytown, a torpedo bomber pilot.

The accompanying citation, signed by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, also states that Captain Humphrey "daringly attacked Japanese troop concentrations, supply areas, gun positions and air fields, often in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire."

The actions occurred in the Solomon Islands and New Britain areas from December 9, 1943, to January 19, 1944.

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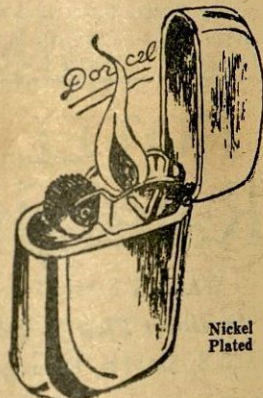
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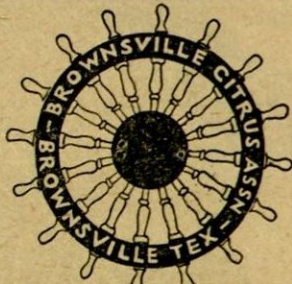
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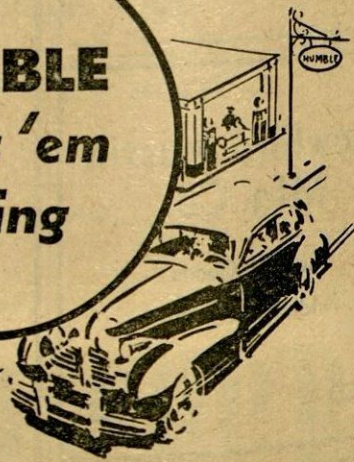


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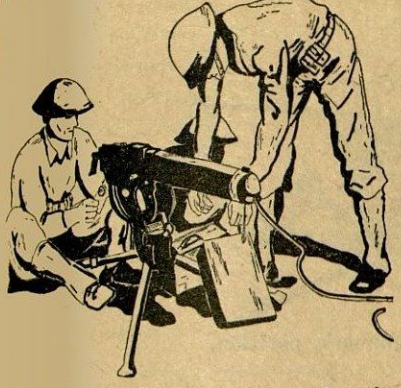


Figure 5—No. 1 removing the pin. No. 3 picking up water and ammunition chest.

The No. 1 man is on the left of the tripod. At the command, No. 3 moves to the gun position (see Figure 5), where he:

- (1) Removes the condensing device from the water chest, slips the fingers of the left hand inside the opening in the top of the water chest, and lifts the water chest from the ground.
- (2) Picks up the ammunition chest with his right hand (as soon as No. 2 has latched its cover).
- (3) Returns to his prone position,

and replaces the lid of the water chest (see Figure 6).

(4) If higher numbers are present, No. 4 passes the extra ammunition



Figure 6—No. 2 lifting latch lever and gun.

chest back to the carriers.

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To Put the Gun Into Action:
The No. 2 man lifts the latch lever with his left hand, turning it down as soon as the gun pintle is fully seated



Figure 1—No. 2 lifting latch lever.

(see Figure 1). He also with his left hand throws the free end of the condensing device clear of the gun. Then he lies down on the left of and facing

the gun, with his feet to the rear and his head below and in rear of the feedway.

As soon as the gun pintle is seated in its housing, the No. 1 man aligns



Figure 2—No. 1 inserting pin. No. 3 placing water and ammunition chest in position.

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screw with the hole in the elevating bracket, and inserts the pin with his left hand (see Figure 2). The No. 2 man opens the ammunition chest placed for him by the No. 8 man,

exit, and gives it a quick jerk to the right. Then he pulls the belt handle to its rearmost position and releases it. (This half loads the gun. It may be fully loaded by pulling the belt

with the remaining fingers clear of the gun. He holds the right hand near the traversing handwheel. His head is erect with his eyes on the target.

1. Some other points to remember:

The No. 4 aligns them at the position of No. 3, with the latches to the front. D. To Take the Gun Out of Action: (a) The gun being in action, to take it out of action, the Corporal

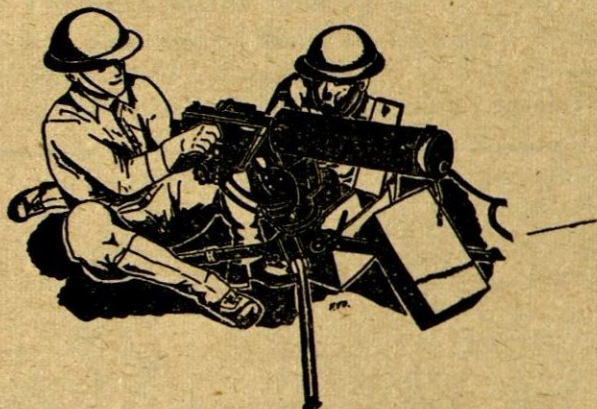


Figure 3—Nos. 1 and 2 executing half load.

grasps between the thumb and forefinger of his right hand a fold of the belt at the point where the brass tag joins the fabric, and pushes the tag through the feed opening as far as possible. (The No. 2 man is responsible that the belt is straight and will feed properly, and that the cover of the gun is latched.)

Following this action, the No. 1 man advances his right hand to point opposite the belt feed exit and holds it in position ready to grasp the brass tag of the belt (see Figure 3). He grasps the tag as it is pushed from the belt

handle to the rear a second time.) As soon as the gun is half loaded No. 2 removes the lid of the water chest, and inserts the end of the condensing device.

The No. 1 man assumes the gunner's position (see Figure 4). He sits in rear of the trail shoe, straddling the trail, with the feet under the tripod. He draws up and turns out the knees, and supports the elbows on the inner surfaces of the thighs. Then he places the thumb of the left hand in the rear of and well up on the stock and the forefingers on the trigger,

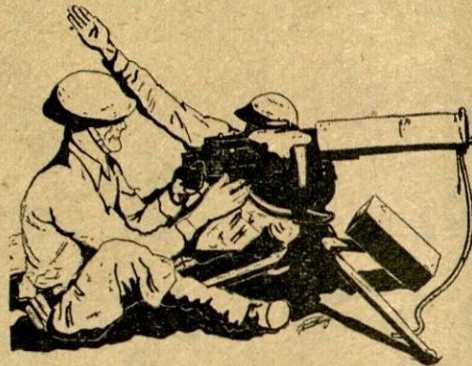


Figure 4—No. 1 gunner's position, the gun half loaded.

(a) Study Figure 2 and note just as the Number 2 man is lying down, Number 3 (ammunition and water chest) arrives at the gun position with his load and performs the following functions:

(1) Places the ammunition chest, the latch to the right, in line with the feedway ready for loading.

(2) Places the water chest, the lid up, in front of and leaning against the left leg of the tripod.

(3) Returns to his original position (see Figure 3).

(b) Where higher numbers of the squad are present, they pass their ammunition chests forward to No. 4.

commands or signals: OUT OF ACTION.

(b) At the command—briefly, the procedure is:

No. 2 lifts the belt and removes it from the feedway and packs it in the ammunition chest and latches the chest cover. He lifts the gun from the tripod. Then, No. 1 lifts the tripod from the ground, and runs to his original position. The No. 2 man has lifted the gun from the tripod and runs to his original position. Here he places the gun on its cover, and inspects the gun to see that:

(a) It is unloaded.

(b) The trigger is pulled.

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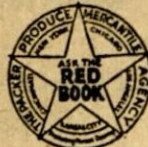
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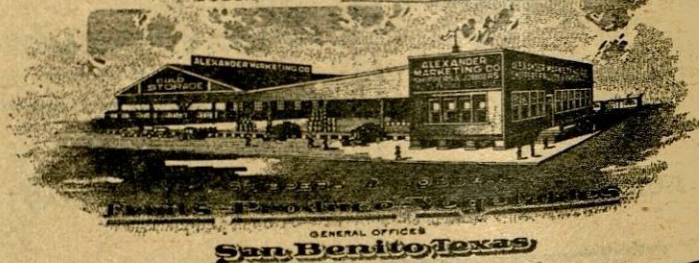
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San Benito Is Known As City Of Homes

By W. G. PLAISTED, Manager, San Benito Chamber of Commerce.

San Benito is known as the Resaca City of the Valley and was originally called Diaz. When the first makeshift work train of the newly constructed railroad reached the community on July 4, 1904, the name was changed to Bessie, honoring the daughter of the late B. F. Yoakum, at that time president of the Frisco Railroad.

Within a short time the name was changed again to San Benito, meaning St. Benedict for Benjamin Hicks, a beloved pioneer of that period whose gentle and charitable attitude endeared him to the Mexicans.

San Benito was first incorporated in 1911 and a commission form of government was adopted in 1927, operating under a home rule charter. This form of government still prevails in the municipality.

San Benito is situated in the center of the most productive vegetable section of the Valley. During the 1943-44 shipping season San Benito led in vegetable and fruit shipments over the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

The community established another record in the last cotton season by ginning over 20,000 bales.

The San Benito area is also foremost in its diversified farming operations. During the last few years the San Benito Chamber of Commerce and leading business men of the town have worked diligently to promote the breeding of better dairy cattle and as a result there are more dairymen in the community than in any other part of the Valley.

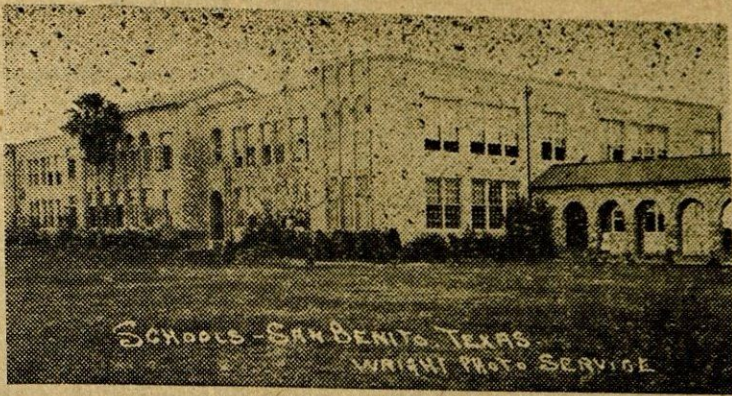
No other section in the United States has made more rapid progress in the building of better dairy herds and the production of milk and butter of outstanding quality. A concrete example of what is being done is the record made by J. W. Tredway & Son of San Benito. In 1940 their herd averaged 8502 pounds of milk and 434 pounds of butter fat, bringing a return to them of \$177.55 per head above feed cost. This was the highest record for the year in the United States for Jersey herds with more than 15 cows.

As a result of the progress made in dairying the first annual Rio Grande Valley Dairy Cattle Show was held in San Benito in 1943, 127 animals being entered from practically every section of the Valley, and the visiting dairymen and officials from North Texas were amazed at the high quality of the animals on exhibition.

San Benito now has a population of approximately 11,500 and is 18 miles from the Mexican border and 30 miles from the Gulf of Mexico.

San Benito is known far and wide as "The City of Homes"—a city where business and pleasure

San Benito School Plant



Above is shown one of the modern school plants located in San Benito.

Dallas Guardsmen Get Bronze Stars

Dallas.—Company D, 19th Battalion, has several men who have received the bronze star for three years service during the past year. They are:

Capt. Edward H. Miller, First Lt. Clark M. Chrisman, Second Lt. Hubert D. Pryor, First Sgt. Roscoe R. Hulse, S/Sgt. Chas. J. Masterson, S/Sgt. Harry C. Schultzbach, Sgt. Emmett D. Herrell, Sgt. Guy H. Hooper, S/Sgt. Robert L. Wright.

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Medical Detachment, 6th Bn.	Round Rock	93%
Company E, 28th Bn.	Corpus Christi	89%
Company D, 35th Bn.	Dallas	89%
Company G, 28th Bn.	Corpus Christi	84%
Medical Detachment, 11th Bn.	Ballinger	83%
Service Detachment, 12th Bn.	Mart	83%
Company D, 44th Bn.	Livingston	83%
Medical Detachment, 36th Bn.	San Antonio	80%
Medical Detachment, 26th Bn.	Mercedes	78%
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FDR Calling:

Fort Scott, Calif.—"FDR calling! Send up the papers on Eisenhower!"

This statement is said to have momentarily floored the sergeant major at Fort Scott when it floated to his ears from the intercom set on his desk. Was this San Francisco . . . or Dumbarton Oaks?

However, he knew he hadn't partaken too freely of that "holiday spirit" when it dawned on him that the "FDR" was in truth Lt. Francis D. Ruth, personnel officer, and that "Eisenhower" was really T/5 Paul Icenhower, a recent addition to Hq-SCU.

These Two Fighters Say All Is OK In U. S. A.

With the U. S. First Army in Belgium.—"The dames are prettier, the beer colder, the skies bluer, and in general, the U. S. A. is still tops."

That was the verdict of two GIs who have returned to the war after 30-day furloughs in their homeland.

"And it's a crock of stew about the home folks not knowing there's a war on," grated Ray Hammerstrom, Manteca, Calif., and Bill Underwood, Cambridge, Ill. "The people at home do know the score," they said.

Yes, Suh, Cordell Hull Is Now In The Army

Camp Gordon Johnson, Fla.—The Public Relations non-com sat in his ivory tower trying to dream up a story. In walked a new secretary.

"What's your name?" he said.
"Mrs. Hull."
"Cordell?"
"That's right."
"From Tennessee?"
"Right again."
"Husband related to the famous man?"
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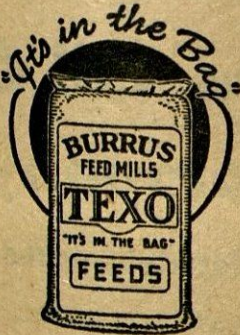
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Nazi Home Guard Drills In Dead Earnest



This photo was sneaked out of Germany and published in a neutral nation newspaper. It shows the Berlin Home Guard on parade with the man in the center carrying an anti-tank weapon.

Yank Raises Glass Just In Time To See German Shoot Him

With the Second Division out of the Siegfried Line.—Second Lt. Bernard Dolan of Emporium, Pa., had the doubtful pleasure of seeing a German shoot him. The lieutenant was trying to observe the effect of some tank destroyers on some snipers and machine gunners. He raised his glasses and focused them just in time to see a Nazi sniper raise his gun and fire at him. He was so surprised he didn't duck, and the bullet nicked him in the forehead, a slight wound.


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Mountain Troops Get New Insignia

Washington.—The Army's crack mountain troops—men trained especially for fighting snow and mountainous regions—will wear a special insignia on the left sleeve denoting their specialized type of training.

Men of the 10th Mountain Division, now stationed at Camp Swift, and being trained under the Army Ground Forces, will be among the first to receive this new insignia. The tab has the word "Mountain" in white letters appearing on a blue background and consists of a cloth arc which will be worn just above the division shoulder patch. The tab is similar to those worn by men of airborne divisions above their divisional insignia.

Men of the 10th Mountain Division are expert mountaineers, many having been woodsmen, trappers or skiers in civilian life.

BURP!

The fair young maiden raised her glass on high and said: "Sherry wine to me is nectar of the gods, the very elixir of life. When I imbibe its amber fragrance, my very soul begins to throb and glow. The music of a thousand muted violins whispers seductively in my ear and I am transported into another world. On the other hand—port makes me burp."

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Bay State Guard Helps In Fuel Crisis



N. Y. Guard Called Out To Fight Storm

By EDWIN B. GORE
Lieutenant Colonel, A.G.D., N.Y.G
Public Relations Officer

Pursuant to a proclamation issued by Governor Thomas E. Dewey on 31 January 1945, that, due to weather and snow conditions, a serious emergency in regard to food, fuel and feed conditions existed in the State of New York, the commanding general of the New York Guard was directed to order to full-time service of the State such New York Guard organizations as might be necessary to meet the emergency.

As critical conditions existed only in the up-State area extending from Albany on the east to Buffalo on the west, only the troops stationed in these up-State localities were ordered out. By the evening of 31 January, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, New York Guard, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade, 3rd Truck Company, 4th Truck Company, the Albany, Poughkeepsie, Oneonta and Hudson units of the 1st Regiment, the Utica, Herkimer, Rome and Malone units of the 6th Regiment, the Syracuse, Oneida, Auburn and Geneva units of the 3d Regiment, the Rochester and Genesee units of the 21st Regiment and the Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Dunkirk and Tonawanda units of the 74th Regiment were fully mobilized.

On 1 February the Watertown company of the 6th Regiment was mobilized and the colonel, two staff officers and fifteen enlisted men of both the 2d and 56th Regiments were alerted. On 2 February all of the 65th Regiment stationed at Buffalo and Medina was mobilized. After mobilization, all men engaged in transportation or essential industries were excused. A total of 3,544 officers and men was mobilized for service.

The mobilized Guard units were placed at the disposal of Mr.

Charles H. Sells, superintendent of public works, who had been appointed emergency director of transportation and supplies by the Governor, for assignment of missions. The principal assignments given them were in assisting the railroads to clear their yards and sidings of accumulated snow and ice in order to release essential freight and facilitate the return of empty cars to the mines for re-loading with fuel so badly needed by the affected communities. So enthusiastically and efficiently did the Guardsmen perform the missions given them that by the morning of 5 February the situation in many sections of the State was so much improved that several of the Guard units could be demobilized.

The State is justly proud of the manner in which its Guard responded to the emergency call and of the effective assistance which it rendered in relieving an extremely critical situation. The many commendations and expressions of appreciation received will, we feel sure, be a tremendous boost to morale and a great assistance in recruiting.

A gentleman, says Private Perennial, is a fellow a girl doesn't know very well.

Wine, women and song are getting me down. Guess I'll have to give up singing.

When widespread suffering faced Massachusetts during the recent cold wave, Bay State Guardsmen leaped into the breach and went to work in Boston coal yards to help speed coal to furnaces. The photo above shows a group of Guardsmen wrestling heavy coal sacks in Boston.

Sgt. Instructor: "Listen here, are you teaching this class or am I?"

Pvt.: "I'm not."

Sgt.: "Then don't talk like an idiot."

EVIDENCE

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Conceit, says Private Perennial, is a form of I-strain.

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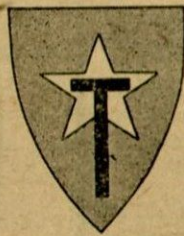
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Editorial—

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speakers gave one of the worst indictments of the State of Texas that I ever heard given of any state.

When the banquet was over, I kept wondering what in the world was wrong with the Lone Star State and I am still wondering.

Texas does not support its own State Guard.

The officers, who receive no compensation, buy their own uniforms. Commanders have to do the best they can in raising enough money to pay for the food their men eat on maneuvers. Sometimes, the men themselves have to kick in with the money.

In comparison, other states appropriate large sums for their State Guards. Illinois turns over more than \$2,000,000 annually. Our neighboring state, New Mexico, appropriates more than \$200,000 annually.

Doesn't that make you ashamed of Texas?

This was one of three states in the entire Union that did nothing for veterans of World War I.

That is something else to think about.

Texas State Guardsmen are a credit to Texas. They would be a credit to any state. They give of their time simply because they want to be of service. Thousands of young men have passed through the State Guard into the regular Armed Forces. Most of the men in the Guard now are too old or unsuited for regular military service. Yet, they want to do their part and are doing it.

When the race trouble occurred in Beaumont some time ago, it was the State Guard that moved in and took control, restoring order quickly.

Those men stand ready at all times to meet any local emergency. As a matter of fact, they are all the protection we have except police authorities. The regular Armed Forces have other duties.

A few hours after Pearl Harbor, El Pasoans who were members of the Fourth Battalion began guarding bridges in this vicinity. They were right on the spot to handle any emergency.

And, yet, the rich State of Texas has not seen fit to make an appropriation to pay the expenses of that fine organization!

Texas is rich in natural resources. Our oil and gas, potash and other wealth, are being sent all over the world to help fight the war. In addition, they are being sent to other states to keep industry going.

In plain words, our state is being milked by those who are taking advantage of our resources while our Legislature has not seen fit to appropriate money to pay the expenses of our State Guard.

Kind of disgusting, isn't it?

I understand the Legislature will be asked to make an appropriation for the Guard. Enough pressure should be applied that the bill will be passed unanimously.

CHEAP PRICE FOR SECURITY
Houston Chronicle

For four long years members of the Texas State Guard have gathered every week at their armories to spend long hours learning and practicing lessons that have so guaranteed the internal security of Texas that no serious threat has arisen to the all-out war effort of the Lone Star State.

These guardsmen are all volunteers. They have asked nothing for themselves except the privilege of serving their state in time of need.

Now, after four years of giving their time and effort, they are asking something. The request is not anything that will put money in their own pockets. It is a request in line with their creed of selfless service. They ask that the State of Texas increase the appropriation for the Guard so that they can do a better job.

The Houston Chamber of Commerce indorses the idea. In a letter to Lt. Col. E. D. Konken of Houston, president of the Texas State Guard Officers Association, the chamber declares that the guard is a state and not a local security force and as such should be main-

tained adequately by the state.

The chamber, the letter says, will work for legislation to "provide adequate appropriations for maintenance of the guard on a state-wide basis.

The Harris County Commissioners Court, in appropriating some \$17,000 for the five Harris County battalions, did so under protest and urged the state to give the guard enough funds to operate efficiently on a state-wide basis.

Right after Pearl Harbor, there were grave fears that Texas, with its gigantic war plants, would suffer a wave of sabotage and violence that would hamper the war effort.

Then from out of offices, factories and behind counters, came Texans who for some reason or other could not serve at the front, to join the Texas State Guard.

Businessmen over the state say that the State Guard, by the very fact of its training and devotion to duty, has acted as a great preventive force to thwart any threat to

Ingenious Yanks Use
Jeeps For Engines

Luzon.—Ingenious Yanks were not frustrated when they noted a lack of engines on the narrow-gauge San Fernando-Manila railroad.

With three Philippine freight cars loaded with tons of military equipment waiting to be used in the Yanks' drive toward Manila, the men narrowed the axle width of three jeeps, fixed flanges on the inside of the wheel rims, and the "Jeep Engines" were ready to roll. Maj. Earl Wiley was the "engineer" on the first of the rail-going power units, with Pvt. Clayton Carnahan as the highballing brakie, and a major general as guest-rider in the "locomotive."

the peace and security of Texas.

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GI. "Honey, your lips are damp with the dew of passion."

Gal: "Sonny boy, I don't mind the grey skies but that ain't dew. It's don't."

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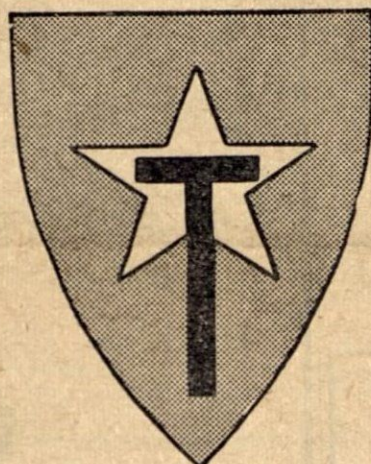
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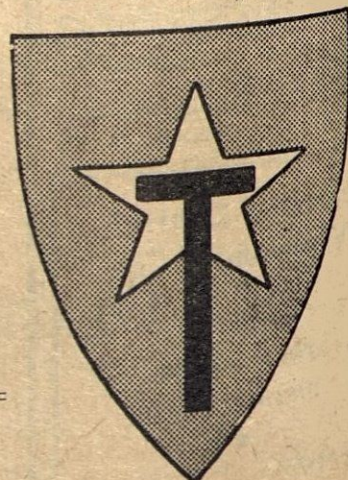
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Camp Mabry—

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enridge, Kentucky. It went off in his hand.

Dodd knows he's lucky he wasn't killed outright. But the accident cost him his left forearm and hand.

He came to Mabry last October for the 90-day course offered to discharged veterans in nearly any automotive trade or specialty they care to name.

Dodd's set of tools evolved chiefly from the observing eye and inventive mind of Capt. Gerald M. Harris, maintenance officer at Mabry, who left his automobile repair business at Bakersfield, California, to come into the Army.

Under Harris' Eye

As Dodd went from department to department in his training course, he kept coming under Captain Harris' eye. There are other veterans and civilian mechanics with one arm rebuilding engines and power train assemblies at Mabry. But Dodd owns a bouncing energy and a wiry drive that demand attention.

The problems he came up against, tackling two-handed jobs with one hand and his hook, reacted on Captain Harris' inventive urge. The two-pronged hook now used to replace a missing hand is a very efficient instrument, but has definite limits when it comes to manipulating a screw driver, or vise grips, or an adjustable wrench on operations where the other hand is engaged. As for speed wrenches or valve adjusters—

Captain Harris adapted his idea on Dodd's tools from a device by which interchangeable sockets of different sizes are attached to a speed wrench. The end of the wrench has a small square projection with a ball-bearing inset. The sockets slip onto the projection and are locked in place by the bearing.

How They're Made

A hook is attached to an artificial arm by means of a disc which is inserted and locked in slots set within the arm. Captain Harris had a disc made with the projecting knob and ball-bearing lock. Then, starting with a ball hammer, a screw driver and a straight wrench, he had machined sockets to fit the knob welded onto the tool handles. The tools were fitted by Delbert C. Chadwell, machine shop foreman.

The idea worked. The tools set as firmly in Dodd's artificial arm as they could have been gripped by hand. If not quite so maneuverable, they still give him a working equivalent of two hands. Where flexibility is necessary, the tools are fitted with universal joints.

It's still early in the game. Dodd's main job at Mabry just now is rebuilding carburetors, and his production is as high as a mechanic with both hands. But he's also working his way through every operation in the shops—from disassembling heavy engines and transmissions to tinkering speedometers. As he finds new tools that can be adapted to his use the collection grows.

"Can't Be Handicapped"

Dodd is just one of the more seriously handicapped veterans of this war who took a shot at proving the premise of the Mabry shop's training prospectus that "you can't be handicapped beyond our ability to teach you a successful salary demanding trade or skill."

At the next bench from Dodd is William H. Smith, 24, a Sopchoppy, Florida, boy who came out of the sinking of the Lexington with a broken neck and compound skull fracture that left his right arm paralyzed and useless. He was an aviation machinist's mate and dive bomber gunner, with three positive and two probable Zero kills to his credit. After two years in Navy hospitals, he came to Mabry last April from the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Pennsylvania, where his wife, PhM 2/c Adelaide Smith, serves as a Wave. Smitty, too, can now keep up a carburetor production pace equalling the regular rate.

George A. Fox, 22, from Olden, Eastland County, Texas, is a 36th Division veteran of the war in Italy who carries 32 pieces of shrapnel in his body. He also carries an artificial right arm, and his left hand, one finger missing, is only partially useful. A combat M.P., Fox was

gathering up German prisoners on December 13, 1943, when a combined artillery barrage and air attack caught him in a roadside ditch. He's now learning the intricacies of delicate instrument repairing at Mabry, and another set of tools is being fashioned to fit his right arm.

Another Texan

Another 36th Division casualty is Merrill Varner, 30, of Milford, Texas, who left both his legs at Salerno. Varner was a headquarters battery guard in the 133rd Field Artillery when a German 88 millimeter shell burst in the air above his slit trench, killing two of his buddies. His artificial legs are carrying him effectively through his course at Mabry.

Leo Payne, whose home is Austin, lost his left arm when the cavalry truck he was driving was side-swiped by another near Dripping Springs, Texas, back in 1941. The arm was amputated between the shoulder and the elbow, and in his case no artificial aid is practical. So he turns out his 15 carburetors a day single handed, so expertly he also doubles as an instructor.

These are among the more seriously handicapped veterans at Mabry. But there are many others, and not all who work with one arm or one leg or no legs at all are veterans.

That's one reason Maj. James W. Dewberry, commanding officer at Mabry, is able to tell veterans that "you can't be handicapped beyond our ability to teach you." Nearly half of the 600 new employees

hired and trained since the Normoyle Ordnance shop was moved from San Antonio to Mabry, where production began last April 1, were handicapped in one degree or another.

All Types

Among those who came from Normoyle or were engaged at Mabry are a blind expert on windshield wipers, a general mechanic whose legs have been paralyzed since the age of three, a one-armed veteran of World War I, many another one-armed or one-legged workman.

The training course for veterans is a by-product of the main business of producing those 2000 engines and 2500 power train assemblies a month. The veterans are paid while learning, because they produce while learning, and when their training is successfully completed they can remain at work at the regular scale. Heading the course is William G. Waggaman, retired as a master sergeant after 30 years in the Army.

His success, backed by Major Dewberry, Captain Harris and the others, is told in the stories of Dodd, Fox, Payne, Varner and men like them. These veterans don't consider themselves now as being particularly handicapped. Their confidence is contagious, and Major Dewberry and Waggaman hope to spread this confidence to wounded veterans in Army general hospitals in the Eighth Service Command by sending Dodd, Payne, Fox and perhaps others as demonstrators and instructors.

Listen to Captain Harris: "These

boys are making good mechanics and we're glad to have them on the job. There are limitations in the jobs they can do, of course, but not

too many of these limitations can't be overcome. It depends a lot on the man."

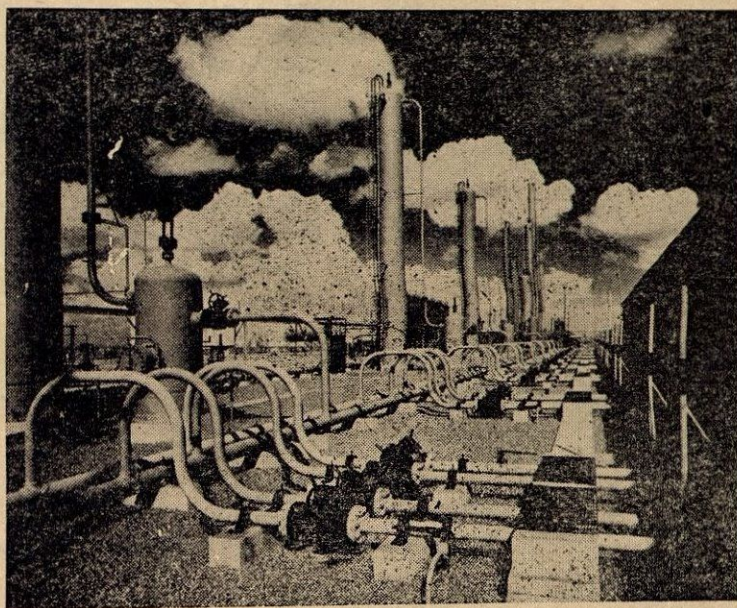
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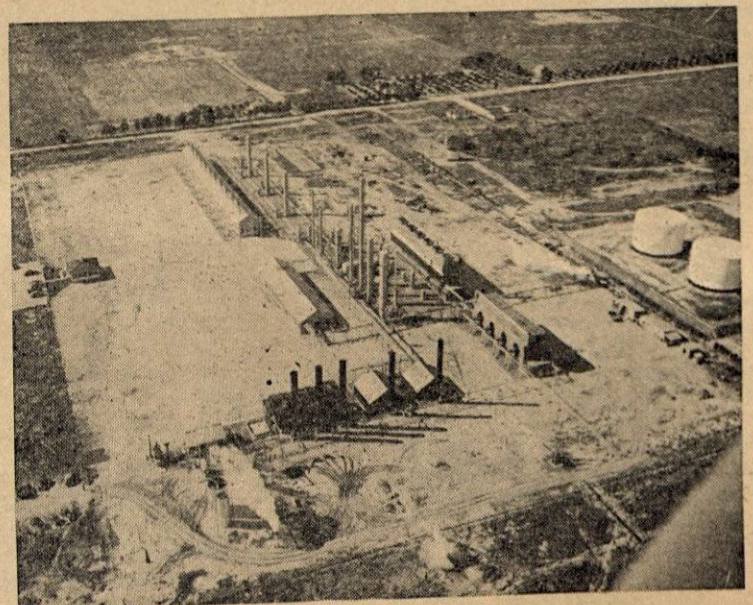
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Reports From Co. A, 2nd Bn.

By CAPT. DELOS A. MILLER

Here is how the boys from Company A, Second Battalion, shot off their stuff on the rifle range for the year of 1944.

The following qualified for "Expert," which requires a score of 180 out of a possible 200:

Capt. Miller	200
Lt. Grado	189
Lt. Binckley	184
Sgt. Allen	197
Sgt. Ellis	184
Sgt. Carter	184
Sgt. Grasty	185
Sgt. Maniscalco	182
Cpl. Selcer	181
T/5 Willett	189

The following qualified for "Sharpshooter," which requires 160 out of 200:

Sgt. Adams	174
Sgt. Dillman	166
Sgt. Guseman	165
Sgt. Parker	179
Sgt. Nicholson, C Co.	161
Sgt. Driscoll	167
Sgt. Strickert	165
Sgt. Tienert	162
Cpl. Henery	178
Cpl. Trusdale	166
Cpl. Aldridge	164
T/5 Marshall	171
Pvt. Herrall	161
Pvt. Johnson	165
Pvt. Wilburn	162
Pvt. Bolinger	169
Pvt. Dalio	168

The following qualified for "Marksman," which requires 130 out of 200:

Sgt. Barrow	146
Sgt. Covington	158
T/5 Hubbard	131
T/5 Seny	138
Pvt. Smallwood	157
Pvt. Williams	150
Pvt. Daniels	157
Pvt. Elliot	147

Ex-Guardsman Sgt. Knigge, now of the U. S. Coast Guard in Louisiana, dropped by his old stomping grounds at the Second Battalion armory Thursday, February 8. A host of the older Guardsmen, who remember him well, got a big bang out of kicking around in the dust with him.

Sgt. Joe Marschall brought to the armory a German Manser rifle and a genuine Nazi flag. His nephew, Lt. J. T. Hynes, who is in the motion picture unit of the 11th observation squadron in the Ninth Air Corps, was responsible for the possession of both the rifle and the flag. Lt. Hynes is enjoying a 30-day furlough after completion of 50 missions over France and Germany. He says he is definitely going to be a State Guardsman when the war is over.

On February 8 drill night, Company A had the largest attendance in six months. This was mainly due to the fact that the bulletin board said we would "fall in" without arms; and that we would enjoy a lecture on the Thompson Sub-Machine Gun by Sgt. Dillman. However, at the last minute, we were ordered to "fall in" with arms for riot drill. The nearest explanation for this "double-cross" was that Sgt. Dillman spent the whole day reading up on the machine gun and, not satisfied with that, he drove out to the range for some practice. Before he could turn loose of the trigger, he shot out all his tires.

Cpl. Tom Miller is strutting around "aloof" to the rest of us since he was kissed and decorated with a combination silver, bronze, gold and brass star with many Lustras. The medal (size 5x22 inches) was bestowed for his ultra-extraordinary service in guard duty at the municipal airport far beyond the regular call of duty. He says he was so "up in the air" before he got relief, that the observation tower had to give him instructions as to how to come in to base and calm down.

We were all very proud of Pvt. R. E. (Swede) Johnson as he was "sworn in" for his second enlistment after completing his three-year enlistment. It's guys like Swede who make us proud to be a member of the Texas State Guard.

Pvt. Joe Dalio's brother, Tony, is now back in the United States after seeing service in China, Burma and India as a member of the Air Signal Corps.

The Second Battalion has now complete mobile equipment sufficient to transport, complete, at least one full company. It is stated

also that Sgt. Barrow has improved equipment with which he guarantees to make better peanut butter sandwiches, in event we should go to Beaumont again.

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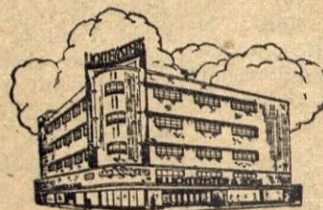
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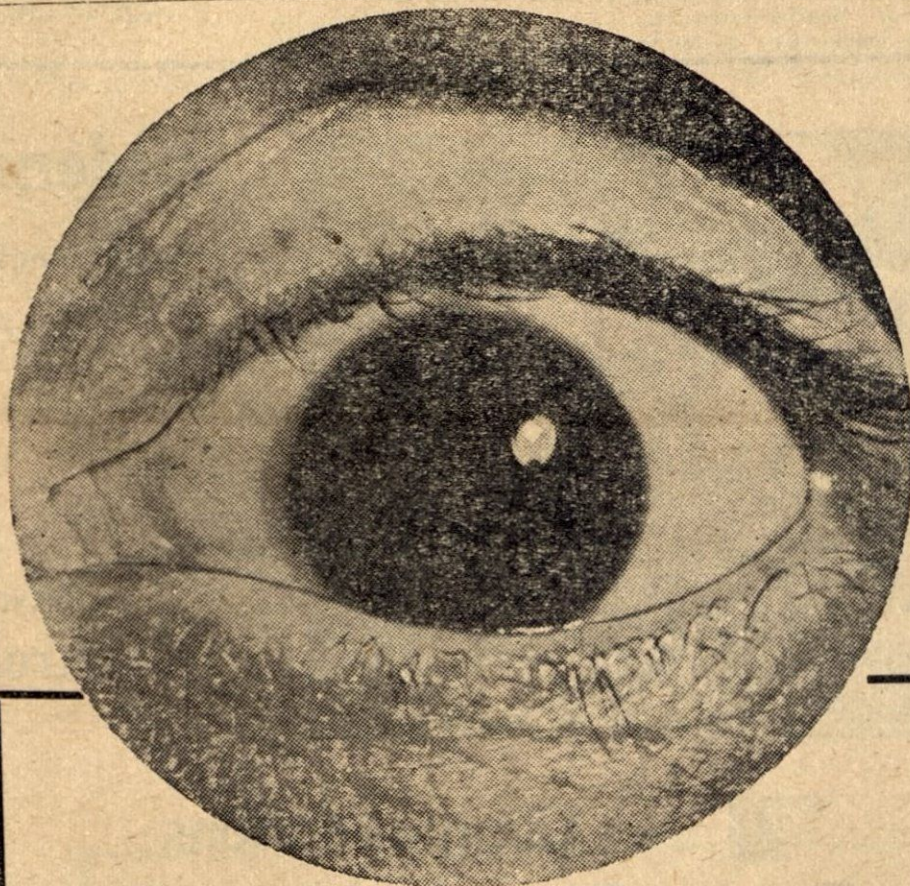
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